



Labour to put tax squeeze on top earners

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

People earning more than £500 a week face big tax increases early in the life of a Labour government to pay for rises in benefits for pensioners and the unemployed.

An emergency programme will be introduced under which the top 5 per cent of salary earners and dividend recipients will finance a £3 a week increase in child benefit, an £8 a week increase in pension for a married couple, and an extension of the long-term rate of supplementary benefit to people unemployed for more than a year.

Exclusive next week

How Militant went after a Labour MP



Starting on Monday, The Times carries the first authentic account of how the Militant Tendency tried to oust Robert Kilroy-Silk from his safe Labour constituency.

Portfolio Gold

Four readers shared yesterday's £8,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, double the usual amount as there was no winner on Wednesday.

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Calm urged after Lebanon and Paris deaths

French attaché killed in Beirut

From Robert Fisk Beirut

The gunman used a silenced. No one had heard of the organization which claimed responsibility. But Colonel Christian Goutierre's murder had about it the cold efficiency that has become the hallmark of France's enemies in Lebanon.



France grieves: M Chirac, right, and M Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, at the funeral yesterday of a policeman who was killed by the Champs Elysees bomb last Sunday.

Chirac points to links in terror attacks

The French Government is convinced it is dealing not with one but with several terrorist groups all operating under one name and using the same type of bombs.

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The assassination of the French military attaché in Beirut, following hard on Wednesday's bomb attack in Paris, has convinced the Government that it is not dealing with one, but several, terrorist groups with possibly quite different aims, all operating under one name and using the same bombs.

Until now, the Government has resisted the idea of a connection between the attacks on French forces and personnel in Lebanon and the bombings in Paris.

Summit still on, Soviet foreign minister says

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, arrived in Washington yesterday for two days of crucial talks and said a US-Soviet summit was still possible, but everything depended on the Reagan Administration.

Brake on rise in jobless

By David Smith Economics Correspondent

Unemployment rose only slightly last month, and there are signs of a break in the strong upward trend which set in at the end of last year.

Student Tories warned

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

Mr Norman Tebbit has let it be known that he is prepared to wind up the Federation of Conservative Students unless it stops rocking the boat and works within the Tory political tradition.

Gorbachov is firm over Daniloff case

Moscow (Reuters) - Mr Gorbachov said yesterday that the Soviet Union would not let itself be provoked by reaction to the case of Mr Nicholas Daniloff, the US reporter whom Moscow has accused of spying.



Mr Gorbachov: we will not be provoked by reaction

Sterling's fall raises rates fears

By David Smith Economics Correspondent

The pound fell sharply yesterday, prompting City fears of a rise in base rates. Sterling fell against most currencies, including the weak dollar, because of uncertainties over Britain's economic prospects and oil prices.

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Rau and East Germans in deal on refugees

Bonn - Herr Johannes Rau, the Social Democratic Party (SPD) candidate who will run against Chancellor Helmut Kohl in the West German federal election next January, shook the Government yesterday by announcing that he had secured an East German promise to stop the flood of Third World asylum-seekers into West Berlin from October 1 (Our Correspondent writes).

Herr Rau said the East Germans had told his emissary, Herr Egon Bahr, that from then only persons with valid visas for travel to West Germany would be allowed transit from East Germany or East Berlin to the West.

New York property prices go through the roof

From Paul Vallely New York

Fresh air does not come cheaply in this part of the world. On the island of Manhattan a real estate company has just agreed to buy 1.5 million sq ft of the stuff at a cost of more than £50 million.

The lawyers pointed to a clause which allows the transfer of air rights along a chain of ownership across several blocks. The planners countered by saying Grand Central had broken the chain by its recent sale of the Biltmore and Roosevelt Hotels.

Star's funeral

The funeral of Pat Phoenix, the former Coronation Street actress, will be held next Tuesday at the Church of The Holy Name, Oxford Road, Manchester, to be followed by a private ceremony attended only by her family.

Inquest praise for two stewardess heroines

By David Sapped

Two stewardesses paid with their lives by staying behind to help passengers escape from the blazing Boeing 737 during last summer's Manchester Airport disaster.

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Blow to Chancellor as electricians vote to accept 8% wage rise

By Tim Jones

More than 12,000 members of the Electrical, Electronic Telecommunications and Plumbing Union employed in the electrical contracting industry yesterday voted overwhelmingly to accept a wage rise more than four times the rate of inflation, now running at 2.4 per cent.

The agreement has dealt a blow to government hopes of keeping the economy on course by controlling wage rises.

With many unions, including the miners, poised to make their claims for the next pay round, the EETPU disclosed that its members in the contracting sector had voted by three to one to accept a deal which will give them, from next January, rises ranging between 8.5 and 10.7 per cent.

The two-year deal will be topped up with more than 6 per cent extra in January 1988. For union members in the industry, the rises mean a big

breakthrough in the £4 an hour barrier for building industry manual workers.

The announcement came only two days after Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, urged employers to take a tougher stand against pay rises well above the inflation rate.

He told a conference organized by the Confederation of British Industry: "It is just not sustainable for pay increases to be between twice and three times the rate of inflation."

"This will harm the competitive position of business and industry and can only depress employment prospects. Putting this right is an essential and urgent task."

Earlier this week, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, condemned a pay offer of 6.7 per cent to nearly one million local government manual workers in England and Wales.

In another effort to curb wage rises Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General, issued a warning that the unemployed were steadily being priced out of jobs.

The leadership of the EETPU recommended acceptance of the agreement, which also includes improvements in travelling time, holiday pay and allowances.

Members voted by 12,093 to 4,170 to accept the deal.

The 10.7 per cent part of the settlement will be enjoyed by London members in recognition of the fact that the capital is suffering a serious shortage of skilled electrical workers.

Mr Brendan Fenslon, national officer for the EETPU, said: "These improvements are well ahead of the inflation-rate present or anticipated."

He added: "Our concern is to get the best possible deal for our members and we have done just that."

Caution to Thatcher from YCs

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

Young people feel "wide-spread hostility" towards the Conservative Party, Mr Richard Fuller, chairman of the Young Conservatives, said yesterday in a coded attack on Mrs Margaret Thatcher's leadership.

The rebuke was delivered in a letter to his local group leaders. He was supported by Mr Martin Woodcock, one of his vice-chairmen, who said the Prime Minister was saddled with a difficult image as far as the young were concerned.

Mr Fuller referred to the MORI poll of "Thatcher's children", carried out for *The Times*, which gave Labour almost a two to one lead among the 6.2 million voters aged 18 to 25 and uncovered apathy about the political process.

He said: "If we do not recapture their support we will not only contribute to our defeat at the next general election, but we will deprive it of the new ideas and enthusiasm it needs to survive at all."

Mr Woodcock said that the MORI poll confirmed the Young Conservatives' longstanding opinion among the young.

Local government ready for change

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Council chief executives declared yesterday that it was time to redraw the local government map of Britain and scrap almost the whole of the present municipal system.

Mr Michael Rush, a vice-president of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (Solace), called for an end to "the anguish that we have had to operate in over the last 12 or 13 years."

Solace, which represents almost all council chief executives in Britain, proposed single councils for each area instead of the present two-tier system in which services were shared in most areas between district authorities and larger county or regional councils.

Some of its senior members indicated that they would prefer a local income tax to a poll tax as a replacement for council rates.

It also wanted fewer councillors. "We are still working on a Victorian system with the somewhat paternalistic view that you rely on members to give of their time," Mr Rush explained.

The plan put forward by the chief executives, formerly known as town or county clerks, adds significantly to widespread pressure for change.

All opposition parties in

Parliament are committed to far-reaching reform involving the abolition of county councils and the creation of new regional assemblies exercising powers now held by health and water authorities.

Mr Rush, who is chief executive of the Labour-controlled West Glamorgan County Council, said that Solace was not being as precise as that.

Its proposals reflected "a degree of consensus". But it was convinced that change was needed and wanted a special boundary commission to draw a new map.

"All of us later the prospect of a further bout of reorganization, but the issue must be faced," Mr Rush said.

Mr Forbes Watson, chief executive of Conservative-led Plymouth City Council and a vice-president of Solace, said that Cornwall with its present boundaries might be a suitable candidate for one of the new all-purpose councils suggested by Solace. The county now contains five district councils and one borough.

The pattern of local government outside London and the largest English cities dates from the reform of 1974 when many county boundaries were redrawn and the status of many councils was changed.

Action on N-waste protests

Two Church of England clergymen, a British International showjumping team member, and a former high sheriff of Lincolnshire, are among 50 people named in High Court injunctions obtained by Nirex - the Government's nuclear dumping agency - and the Central Electricity Generating Board for preventing contractors entering proposed low-level nuclear waste disposal sites.

At Fulbeck, Lincolnshire, the list of 26 includes the Rev Hugh Middleton, aged 36, a father of three children and the rector of Caythorpe and Fulbeck, who received the first injunction. He was mystified as to why his wife, Shirley, did not also receive one.

He reacted by saying: "I am rather shocked to be named. I've never intended breaking the law. I've always made a peaceful protest."

Mr Julian Fane, of Fulbeck Manor, a landowner who is the chairman of Lincolnshire Against Nuclear Dumping. He has never attended meetings at the site when contractors have made attempts to gain access.

The showjumper is Eileen Denning, aged 44, who has a farm at Brant Broughton, where he raised £2,000 with a

Morrison role at Tory HQ

Mr Peter Morrison, the new deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, will take over responsibility for the management, organization and budget of Central Office (Nicholas Wood writes).

Mr Jeffrey Archer, the other deputy chairman, keeps his present brief to cover constituency campaigning, with special attention to key seats in the run-up to the general election.

Sue Government, Denning urges

Lord Denning, the former Master of the Rolls, has urged the dockyard unions at Devonport and Rosyth to take the Government to court, as soon as the Dockyard Services Act becomes law next Thursday.

He believes that the Government, which is determined to hand the yards over to private management by next April, has no intention of carrying out the exhaustive consultations with the 18 dockyard unions which he argues that it has a legal obligation to conduct.

The effect of such consultations would be to delay the transfer of the yards to private management possibly until after the next general election. Labour is committed to repealing the Bill.

Earlier this summer Lord Denning sent a memorandum to Lord Trevarne, Minister for Defence Procurement, arguing that the Government had a legal obligation to include the unions not only in the decision on which commercial tender to accept, but also on the more fundamental question of whether

World Chess Championship Ruthless Karpov defeats favourite

From Raymond Keene, Leningrad

Just when everything seemed clear in the World Chess Championship and Gary Kasparov's victory was looking inevitable, Anatoly Karpov struck back on Wednesday night.

Kasparov is still favourite to win the match, as he needs to score only 2½ points from the remaining seven games to retain his title. He has 9½ points to Karpov's 7½.

However, his conduct of game 17 will be giving his supporters nightmares. Kasparov's debacle was reminiscent of his first defeat to game 5.

Once again, Kasparov, as black in a Grünfeld defence, employed a suspect line. He repeated the opening of game 15, which allowed Karpov to find a vital improvement - which would have been worked out in the interval between games 15 and 17 - over his conduct in that game.

Indeed, when the inevitable improvement came, on move 14 when white played h3, experts already began to voice doubts about the black position. And when Karpov produced the excellent move 17...b4, he had used up only eight minutes.

Kasparov spent 35 minutes over his reply 17...Bf4. At that point the champion's position already looked desperate.

In the further course of play Kasparov wriggled ingeniously

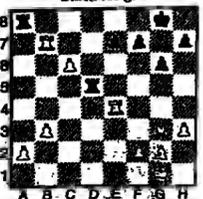
ly but, with the knight knocked out of play, the situation was hopeless.

Karpov continued with ruthless accuracy and his decisive move 31 ensured the imminent promotion of the passed white c pawn.

Experts here were baffled by Kasparov's decision to challenge Karpov in such a dubious opening. To use it once as a surprise weapon in game 15 is understandable, but to repeat it was to tempt fate.

White Black White Black
1 d4 Nf6 16 Bc6 bxc6
2 c4 g6 17 Bc4 Bf4
3 Nc3 Bb7 18 Q-O a5
4 Nf3 Bg7 19 Rf1 e4
5 Qb3 dxc4 20 Rf2 Bg6
6 Qxc4 Qd4 21 Bc5 Kf7
7 Bf4 Bf4 22 Bf3 Ne7
8 Bc3 Nf7 23 Rf7 Bc1
9 Rf1 Nc6 24 Rxc7 Bb2
10 Bc2 Nc6 25 Nc4 Nc5
11 Qc5 Qd5 26 Rxc6 Rf8
12 e5 Nc6 27 Rf5 Bc5
13 Qc5 Nc6 28 Bg3 Nc3
14 N3 Bc3 29 Nxc3 Bxc3
15 Bc3 Bc5 30 c6 Bc4
16 Bc3 Bc5 31 Bf7

Black resigned.



Maxwell's £35m fund for Irish friendship

By Richard Ford

An "International Fund for Ireland" was launched yesterday as part of the Anglo-Irish agreement to provide aid for social and economic development on both sides of the border.

The fund is part of the deal with Dublin and will administer aid granted by America and Canada.

This year it is expected that £34 million will be available to promote projects aimed at bringing greater contact and reconciliation between unionists and nationalists.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said: "Everyone who wishes Northern Ireland well will value these additional resources."

The fund was launched in Dublin at a signing ceremony involving Mr Peter Barry, the Irish minister for foreign affairs, and the British charge d'affaires. However, it was bitterly criticized by unionists who believe the fund is an attempt to buy off "loyalist" opposition.

Sogat to vote on Wapping dispute offer

The print union Sogat '82 yesterday decided to ballot their members on whether to accept the final offer made by News International to settle the eight-month dispute.

The decision was taken after a stormy meeting between Mrs Brenda Dean, general secretary, and 35 London based FOC's (union branch officials) who were formally employed by the company.

In a compromise decision, the union decided to make no recommendation on the offer but to include in the ballot factors to the 4,000 members who were dismissed after taking strike action a letter drawing attention to a condition made by the company.

That states the settlement package would stand only if union leaders agreed to recommend acceptance to members. The company also said the offer, which includes increased compensation payments totalling almost £60 million, would be withdrawn unless accepted by October 8.

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Hurd promises to end parole release delays

The Home Office aims to eliminate delays in the release of prisoners granted parole by the end of the year, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, told the annual conference for the Parole Board yesterday.

Mr Hurd said that the board's report for 1985 had expressed concern about the delays because of the much increased case-load.

Construction keeps danger record

In 1985, health and safety inspectors saw 1,534 cases in the courts with fines totalling £728,207. The number of convictions was down by more than 100 compared with 1984, but the average fine rose from £379 to £474.

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INDUSTRIAL INJURY

Report by HM Inspector of Factories 1985

Field	1985	1984
Construction	95	2,191
Defence/public administration	9	7,044
Professional	4	988
Public services	16	539
Food/drink/tobacco	18	539
Mech engineering	18	506
Metals/industry	10	488
Metals/goods	7	478
Transport	23	376
Chemicals/petroleum	5	368
Industry totals	254	18,269

construction in particular was "very disappointing".

He said that "the only way to improve safety standards was to change the attitude of Britain's managers, who should have a better understanding of what can go

wrong in the workplace."

Mr Eves said that another danger arose from carbon monoxide poisoning because of faulty gas installations work, but he emphasized that British Gas had launched a country-wide safety improvement programme and that under the extension of powers in the Gas Act his inspectors would be better equipped to protect workers and the public.

The inspectorate has also focused attention on the food industry, certain sectors of the metal and other manufacturing industries and fairgrounds, which recorded the worst accident record in several years with six deaths.

To meet the worldwide Health and Safety Executive hopes to have 600 inspectors by the end of this year and is looking for 48 recruits.

Report by HM Chief Inspector of Factories 1985. See Office or booksellers.

Stewardesses died in battle to save trapped passengers on blaze jet

The two stewardesses who died in the blazing British Airways Boeing 737 in the last summer gave their lives attempting to save passengers, the inquest on the 55 victims was told yesterday.

They could have escaped the flames by joining the evacuation of the aircraft but Miss Jacqueline Urbanski, aged 27, and Miss Sharon Ford, aged 23, stayed behind to help passengers trapped at the back of the smoke-filled cabin.

The inquest had heard little of the fate of the two stewardesses in nine days of evidence, but yesterday Det Supt David James, who carried out the detailed investigation of the events on board flight KT328, explained how they died.

They had managed to open a rear door and deploy escape chutes, but the rear of the aircraft was engulfed in smoke and flames so quickly it could not be used.

"The two stewardesses were seen attempting to calm the whole desperate situation. They, above all others, could have moved quickly forward and evacuated safely from the

aircraft, but they remained in the rear doing what they could for passengers and unfortunately perished.

"Their action must not be forgotten."

Mr James said that their actions had been as commendable and professional as those displayed by their colleagues who survived, Miss Joanna Toff and Mr Arthur Bradbury, the purser, whose actions have already been praised by Mr Robert Gorodkin, the coroner.

Mr James also disclosed that the identities of the men who knew that valves controlling supplies to airport water hydrants nearest the burning plane had been turned off, were known but the coroner had seen no purpose in calling them to give evidence.

The inquest was also told yesterday that the provision of old fashioned wind socks on airfields would help pilots in assessing accurately wind speed and direction.

Since the accident British Airways pilots have been told to take wind, no matter how slight, into effect when making emergency stops. In the Manchester accident the aircraft came to a halt partially cross-

wind helping to drive the fire on to the fuselage.

Mr Donald Craig, British Airways chief engineer for technical and quality services, told the inquest that the airline had received letters from the engine makers, Pratt & Whitney, about possible problems in the combustion chamber of their JT8D type of engine fitted to the Boeing 737.

But it had been thought not to apply to the British Airways fleet because its engines were equipped with improved combustion cans. It was the eventual failure of one of those cans which started the disastrous explosion at Manchester.

"We felt they applied to a totally different standard of cans and it would not happen to us. We felt we had the situation under control," Mr Craig said.

He said that although the airline had a large number of complaints about the performance of the engine they were not regarded as serious or affecting safety or indicative of much more severe problems within the combustion chamber. He said British Airways still regarded the engine as the best in the world.

Minor rectifications had always cured the problems in the past.

Since the accident however British Airways had introduced a new regime of maintenance and engine checking which had involved the development of X-ray and fibre optic examination.

Mr Craig said he believed the fatal, 360° crack in the combustion can in the port engine had been instantaneous. He denied that British Airways had ever taken chances with safety.

The inquest was adjourned until today when the jury will retire to consider its verdict.



Blaze rescue heroines: Miss Ford (left) and Miss Urbanski



Maryam d'Abo was named yesterday as the leading actress for the next James Bond film, *The Living Daylights*. She will play a Czechoslovak cellist caught up in a plot of East-West double dealing (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Portfolio Gold Doctor to invest his winnings

A doctor, a retired personnel manager and a Civil Servant are among yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize winners.

Three of the four winners, who share the £4,000 prize, have been playing *The Times* Portfolio Gold game since it started.

Dr John Oliver, aged 63, from Teobury Wells, Hereford and Worcester, said he was "very excited".

Mrs Nicky Ward, a retired personnel manager from Coleman's Hatch, East Sussex, said she felt "incredulous".

Mr Ivor Fairall, aged 58, a Civil Servant, of Sidcup, Kent, said he felt "terrific" about winning a Portfolio Gold share.

The other winner was Mrs M. U. Egoster from Herefordshire.

Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Portfolio Gold, *The Times*, PO Box 40, Blackborn, BBI 6AJ.

Breakfast opening at Tiffany's

By Suzy Menkes Fashion Editor

Tiffany, the jewellery store that gave breakfast a good name, reopened in London yesterday.

The world's largest canary yellow diamond-encrusted Tiffany's was established in 1837, but closed during the Second World War. Mr William R. Chaney, chairman of the board, yesterday welcomed the re-establishment of the London connection and announced that it is part of a European expansion programme.

The managing director of the London shop is Miss Rosamond Monckton, former confidential secretary to King Constantine of the Hellenes and an experienced jewellery trader. She said jewellery was "not only something you wear, but a celebration of flair, charm and wit".

Miss Paloma Picasso, one of the Tiffany modern jewellery designers, dressed in scarlet and black, unveiled a newly designed necklace of diamonds, baroque pearls and a large central stone. But it could not match the Tiffany Diamond.

Living standards best for 12 years

By Michael Horsnell

Britons have not had it so good - provided they are in employment and have a mortgage - for at least the past 12 years.

A combination of lower tax burdens, cheaper mortgages and fuel, and steady shop prices means that income needs to have risen by only 1.2 per cent this year to have kept pace with overall costs compared with the previous 12 months.

This is the lowest figure ever reported in the *Cost of Living Report* by Reward Regional Surveys, the pay research and advisory company who have conducted authoritative surveys since 1974.

The story is less satisfying for families living in council houses for whom there has been an average 9.4 per cent increase in rents and rates.

The survey found that:

- A family living in a council house earning about the national average of £8,300 a year, which has consequently been relieved of 0.1 per cent of its tax burden in the past 12 months, needs a pay rise of 4.3 per cent to keep pace with the costs of last year.
- A family with a mortgage of £26,000 and an income of £13,000 (tax down by 5.5 per cent) needs an increase of 0.2 per cent.
- A family with a mortgage of £40,000 and an income of £21,000 (tax down by 5.9 per cent) could have endured a 0.6 per cent decrease this year to maintain the same standards.
- A family with a mortgage of £57,000 (tax down by 1.7 per cent) needs an increase of 0.5 per cent.

Direct taxation has been reduced by 4.1 per cent and the mortgage interest rate from 14 to 11 per cent in the period surveyed while the biggest gains have been among middle wage earners.

During the past 10 years a wide variation in shop price rises is reported: potatoes are unchanged; carrots, bacon, pork, soup, and biscuits are only about 65 per cent more expensive; eggs, lamb, butter, apples and oranges show an average 120 per cent increase; but aspirins cost 264 per cent more than 10 years ago and tea 333 per cent.

Watching a football match costs 250 per cent more than in 1976 but the cost of a television set costs a tiny fraction less than in those days - about £2 on average.

Mr Bill Coudrey, managing director of Reward Regional Surveys, told *The Times* yesterday: "When you ally costs to pay rises it is right to say Britain has not had it so good at least in the past 12 years. People are definitely better off. The increase in pay far exceeds the increase in living standards. But we are only talking about people in employment and those with mortgages."

Increase in home ownership

By A Staff Reporter

The average family has 1.8 children and lives in a house increasingly likely to boast a video recorder and a home computer.

The latest household survey conducted by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, which runs a continuous analysis of the way we live, shows that 61 per cent of families own their own home compared with 49 per cent in 1971.

Of all households 31 per cent amuse themselves with home videos and 13 per cent allow their lives to be at least partly regulated by home computers.

The average size of households in 1985 was 2.56 persons compared with 2.91 in 1971, representing a decline due mainly to an increase in the proportion of people living alone, which now stands at 24 per cent.

The proportion of families headed by a lone parent, mainly female, has risen from 8 to 14 per cent in the past 15 years, due to the increasing divorce rate.

Ninety-five per cent of the population is white but their average age is greater than that of the ethnic minorities. While 22 per cent of whites are aged under 15, 48 per cent of Pakistanis and Bangladeshis are in that age group as are 34 per cent of Indians and 27 per cent of West Indians.

Food firms to answer criticism

The £30,000 million food and drink industry yesterday launched a campaign to counter what it called "persistently hostile and misleading criticisms" of its methods, and in particular the use of additives (John Young writes).

The campaign, Food for Thought, will make a point of promoting "a new dialogue" with consumers and providing opportunities for the public to meet industry officials face to face or through the media.

Collectors in charity theft

Four people who collected £3,000 in public houses for Dr Barnardo's homes but kept the money were each put on probation for a year by Hendon magistrates in north London yesterday.

Kieran Matheson, aged 18, of Whitefriars Avenue, Wealdstone, Randolph Clark, aged 20, of Great North Way, Heaton, Celine Baruch, aged 17, of Carlyle Close, East Finchley, and Mary Macdonald, aged 23, of Golders Green Road, Golders Green, were told to repay the money.

'Very good value' from NHS

By Our Science Correspondent

The National Health Service has an "outstanding" record of value for money, and relatively small amounts of extra cash could restore public confidence in it and boost staff morale, according to a report published today.

The report, *Agenda for Health*, by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, says the NHS is sometimes unfairly criticized. It challenges some of the findings of a recent study that Britain is the "sick man of Europe".

Britain has succeeded in achieving basic health standards comparable with those of similar countries, the report says. Death rates from heart disease have fallen in Britain, but not as rapidly as in the United States or Australia.

Life expectancy in Britain is in line with France, West Germany and the United States, at just over 70 years for men, and just under 80 years for women. It is only marginally inferior to Japan and Scandinavian countries, according to the report.

"These overall indicators cast into considerable doubt extreme claims of relative British failure in the health field."

However, there are "disturbing" variations in illness and death between social groups, and the impact of poverty and unemployment on health cannot be overlooked.

The report is available from the ABPI, 12 Whitehall, London SW1.

Reports clash on pill's cancer risk

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Women who take the contraceptive pill are today being advised to stay on it as conflicting evidence emerges about possible links with breast cancer.

Research in Norway and Sweden has shown a two-fold risk increase among women who have taken the contraceptive for as long as 12 years, and a smaller threat to some women who have used the pill for eight or more years.

The study gives rise to concern, and if its findings are substantiated, the implications would be very serious, medical experts said yesterday.

But a separate study, also published today, shows no link between the pill and breast cancer. The conflicting evidence has prompted *The Lancet* and the *British Medical Journal*, which publish the studies today, to advise women not to change from oral contraceptives.

The chairman of the government Committee on Safety of Medicines, Dr Abraham Goldberg, has given the same advice in a letter to both journals.

Health experts are clearly anxious to prevent another "pill scare", such as occurred three years ago when other evidence of a cancer link emerged. It resulted in up to half a million women stopping the pill, and a consequent rise in unwanted pregnancies and abortions.

The latest research from Scandinavia involved more than 400 women who had newly-diagnosed developed breast cancer. It suggests that the longer women use the pill beyond seven years, and before the birth of a first child, the more they are at risk of developing the disease before they reach the menopause.

However, a study of a similar number of women in New Zealand, also newly diagnosed as having the disease, concludes that there is no increased risk of the disease among pill takers.

The researchers say the study provides "strong evidence" against the hypothesis that use of oral contraceptives at young ages increases the risk.

The conflicting results of the two studies could be explained by different methods of gathering data, editors in the two medical journals say today. "Neither of the new studies gives any indication of the types of pill used, and therefore we have no idea whether the results are relevant to our own current practice", the journal says.

"The fact that one of these studies shows a possible association of oral contraceptives with breast cancer provides a powerful reason for trying to find out more."

"We cannot say with any certainty that the pill used for long periods early in reproductive life, or is not associated with a change in the risk of breast cancer."

"While this uncertainty remains, there is no reason to change our prescribing habits or our advice to women using the pill."

Dr Goldberg also cites a much bigger American study which failed to find any link with cancer.

Libya link is denied by doctor

Rasmi Awad, a Jordanian doctor, denied that he came to Britain on a terrorist mission to throw grenades into the crowd at Speaker's Corner, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

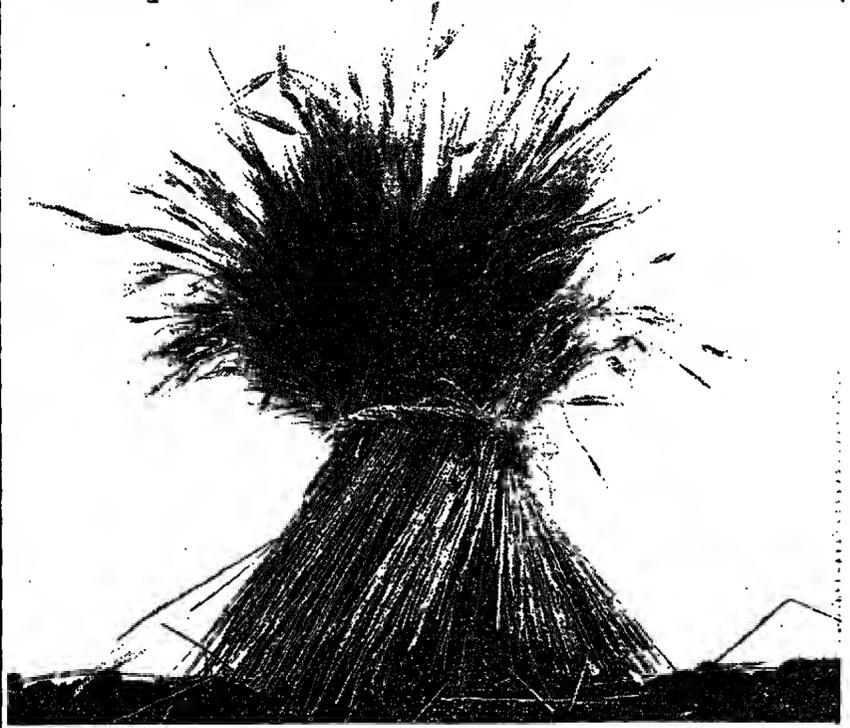
But Dr Awad, aged 44, admitted that he agreed to deliver a package to a stranger in Hyde Park, believing it to be drugs, according to evidence given by Det Chief Inspector Roger Newton.

The package held four grenades and was part of a Libyan plot to blow up targets in the United Kingdom, the prosecution says.

Dr Awad allegedly told officers he took on the job because he was among 18,000 doctors who were out of work in Spain.

Dr Awad and Nassar Muhammed, aged 28, deny conspiring to cause explosions in Britain.

The trial continues today.



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Informer gets police protection

Raymond O'Connor, aged 50, told the Central Criminal Court yesterday he was receiving round-the-clock police protection after turning informer and tipping them off about a Provisional IRA bomb plot in Blackpool.

Mr O'Connor said he had received a "substantial" amount of money from police after being taken into protective custody when he alerted the police about the Eagle and Child public house, near Weeton Army camp.

Mr O'Connor, a café worker, of Blackpool, said he had not cross-examination when he first went to the police.

Mr O'Connor is the main prosecution witness against Thomas Magee, aged 27, who pleads not guilty to a conspiracy between January 1982 and April 1983 with Patrick Magee, Patrick Murray and others to cause an explosion in the United Kingdom.

The hearing continues today.

IBA urges longer franchise terms

The Independent Broadcasting Authority has asked the Government to extend current TV franchises for four years and then to introduce a system which will last for 12 years and can be automatically renewed.

The IBA claims that the four-year extension to the present contracts is essential to keep options open for the incoming government after the next election to make changes in the broadcasting system. Current franchises expire at the end of 1989.

The Home Office is understood to have offered a two-year extension, but Mr John Whitney, the IBA director-general, said that this would not be enough time to put a new franchising policy in place and could result in disruption and destabilization of the television system.

Under a 12-year deal, companies would have their contracts renewed almost automatically, provided they had met their public service obligations.

The IBA is opposed to the idea of the Peacock committee that franchises be awarded by competitive tender. If the bids were too high, programme standards would suffer and the system would give the Government a direct financial interest.

Television is persistently sexist in its portrayal of women but there is no conclusive evidence that public attitudes are affected, according to an IBA study published yesterday.

Dr Barrie Gunter, an IBA research officer, found that women are outnumbered by men on television.

The implication of sex-role stereotyping lies with the possible impact on the public's beliefs about men and women, with the greatest concern for the effects on children, Dr Gunter reported.

Television and Sex Role Stereotyping (Published for the IBA by John Libbey & Company, London, £12.50 hardback, £7.50 paperback).

Broadcasting industry £100m for satellite TV shows

By Teresa Poole

BSB, one of the five consortia competing for the satellite television franchise, yesterday undertook to spend at least £100 million on programmes in the first year of operation. It predicted that almost a third of Britain's homes with television would own a receiving dish after six years of satellite broadcasting.

Mr Andrew Quinn, project co-ordinator, said by the end of the 15-year franchise period BSB would be investing "considerably more" on programmes than BBC television - which now spends more than £400 million a year.

"Through the offer of a new and attractive programme service viewers will have to be persuaded in large numbers and very quickly to reinvest in television," he said.

BSB believes the retail price for the receiving equipment - including the 18 inch dish - will be £199.

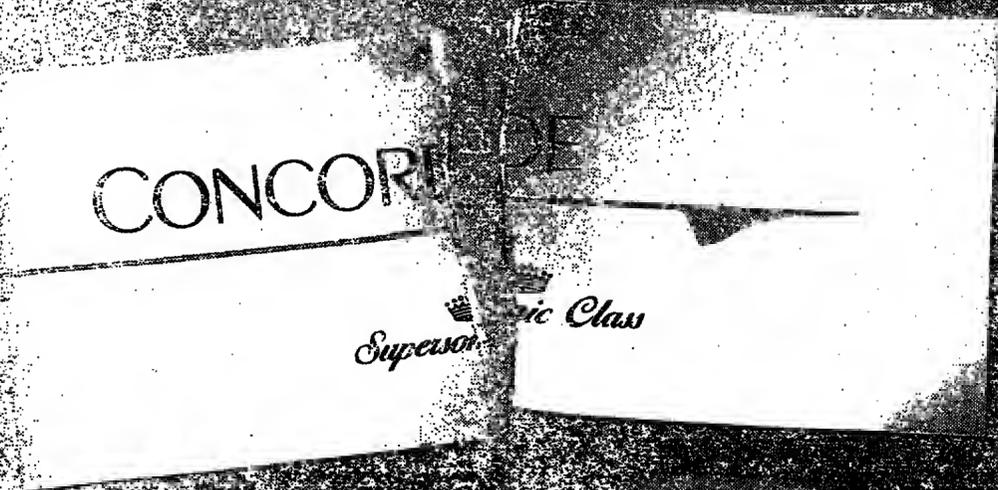
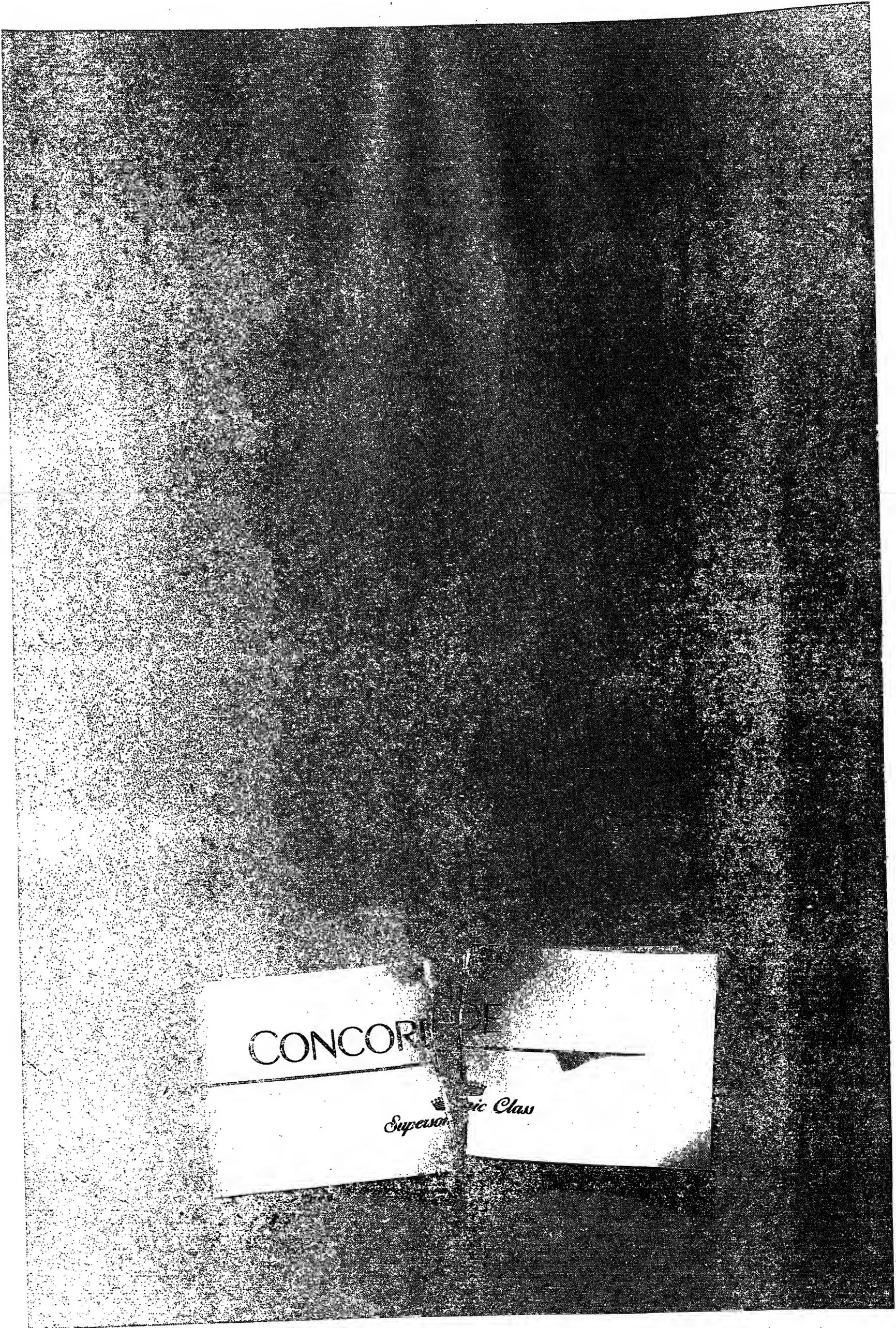
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Longer life for nuclear power plants expected

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

British nuclear power stations now coming into operation could last more than six years longer than their allotted 30-year span if a development that reduces radiation damage to their building materials is used, researchers have found.

Such a move would make decisions on new plant less urgent.

The development is outlined in the annual report of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, published yesterday.

The 30-year lifetime was chosen for the present Advanced Gas-Cooled Reactors, or AGRs, because the strength of the materials used to build them was impaired by constant radiation bombardment.

Mr Arnold Allen, chairman of the authority, who outlined the details of the development, also defended the nuclear industry against arguments for phasing out nuclear power.

He said: "Halting the development of nuclear power because of the Chernobyl nuclear accident would have dire consequences for future generations."

"The world's reserves of oil, gas and coal are limited and there is at present no prospect of renewable energy sources such as solar energy or windpower being developed on a scale or at a cost that

would permit more than a small contribution to the world problem.

"The only alternative source of energy known to be available on the scale needed and on the timescale required is nuclear power, making use of the world's uranium resources."

He added that the authority's technical experts were still analysing the events leading to the Chernobyl accident, which had also prompted a review of the training of operators.

Mr Allen said that the authority had an extensive development programme in the management and disposal of radioactive wastes.

Referring to the search by Nirex, the radioactive waste management organization of which the authority is a member, for possible disposal sites, he said: "I understand the concern aroused among residents at these locations, but I believe their anxieties about the environmental impact to be quite misplaced."

"It is in everyone's interests to get on with the construction of a disposal site for low-level wastes."

Mr Allen said: "We remain concerned about the moratorium on sea dumping of waste, which we believe could be a wholly safe and economic method of disposal."



Lacinda Stokes, aged four, helping Lord Tonypany to release balloons for the appeal (Photograph: Peter Trivnor).

Balloons launch £5m cancer appeal

By Angela Johnson

Lord Tonypany, the former Speaker of the House of Commons, joined a host of stars from stage and television to help raise £5 million for cancer treatment at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London yesterday.

Lord Tonypany, aged 77, who

was treated for throat cancer at the hospital two years ago, helped to release more than 1,000 balloons to mark the launch of a fund-raising drive to build six operating theatres and two treatment wards.

Susan Hampshire and Liz Fraser, the actresses, Jimmy Hill, the sports presenter, and Colin Wel-

land, writer and director, all former patients at the hospital, took part in the launch.

Lord Tonypany said: "It is thanks to the work done here that I am alive. Everyone should help raise money because you never know when cancer could strike you, a member of your family or a friend."

Electricity fiddle led to death

A couple's plan to cheat on their electricity bills went tragically wrong when a neighbour was killed, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr Neil Shears and his wife, Linda, kept their bills low by feeding a cable to a next door flat which had its bills paid by the Department of Health and Social Security.

But the cable became faulty and the flat's occupant, Mrs Sharon Mead, aged 27, was killed by an electric shock while making a cup of tea, the inquest at Exeter, Devon, was told.

Mr Martin Thornton, the deputy assistant coroner, recorded a verdict of misadventure.

Mr Thornton said that Mr and Mrs Shears, of Merlin Crescent, Exeter, had an arrangement with Mrs Mead to utilize her electricity supply when they wanted to use their washing machine.

"The cable was stretched between the two flats so it could be done at the expense of the DHSS rather than the Shears'," he said.

The inquest was told that the flats had been rewired by Exeter City Council a few days before Mrs Mead's death on July 10.

Mr Thornton said that Mr and Mrs Shears had been in position but became punctured at two points and came into direct contact with the metal window frame, Mr Thornton said. "It became a death trap and tragedy struck when Mrs Mead made a cup of tea."

He said that Mrs Mead's fingers touched the window frame.

Earlier the inquest heard claims from Mrs Mead's former husband that had rewiring of the flat was responsible for the death, but this was rejected by the coroner.

Mr Cyril Passmore, a South-West Electricity Board official, said that if the window frame had been earthed the death would not have happened.

Jet hijack inquest opened

An inquest was opened at Hornsey, north London, yesterday into the death of one of the victims of the Pan Am jet hijacking in Pakistan on September 5.

He was Mr Surendra Patel, aged 50, an American systems analyst living in Williamsburg, Fullerton, California.

Dr Susan Claydon, a pathologist, said the cause of death was haemorrhage due to gunshot wounds.

The inquest is being held in London because his family wants Mr Patel cremated in this country. The coroner, Mr Bernard Pearl, adjourned the hearing to a date to be fixed.

Shot PC was under scrutiny
A police officer found shot dead at his home on Wednesday was the subject of an inquiry, it was disclosed yesterday.

But West Mercia police refused to release details of the inquiry concerning PC Edward South, aged 24, of Goose Hill Close, Redditch, Hereford and Worcester.

Theme park allegations
Mr Peter De Savary, aged 42, the businessman, faces 44 summonses over building work at Littlecot House, the Wiltshire estate he bought last year for £8 million and converted into an historical theme park.

Allegations that Mr De Savary failed to submit full plans will be heard by Marlborough magistrates.

Test drilling to go ahead
Conoco, the oil company, has been given permission by West Sussex County Council to test-drill for oil between the villages of Turners Hill and West Hoathly, near East Grinstead.

More than 50 objections were received from residents.

Roman coin dispute may go to High Court

The ownership of a rare Roman gold coin, believed to be worth up to £10,000, unearthed in a ploughed field near Newark, Nottinghamshire, may be contested in the High Court.

Its finder, Mr Grenville Shuttleworth, of Nessfield Road, Elyhead, Keighley, West Yorkshire, is considering an appeal after an inquest jury in Nottingham yesterday declared the coin to be treasure trove and thus the property of the crown.

Mr Shuttleworth, using a metal detector, came across the coin on January 12 this year in a ploughed field near the former Roman settlement of Croxallana at Brough, near Newark.

It was established, with the help of British Museum experts, that the coin is a gold aureus of the Roman Emperor Maximian, who reigned between AD284 and AD305. It was minted in Rome in AD295.

The coin is about the size of an old sixpenny piece weighing five grammes. One side

bears the head of Maximian and the reverse features Hercules armed with a club and dagger in combat with a serpent-like creature thought to be the Hydra. The coin bears the legend: "To Hercules the Conqueror".

Mr Michael Bishop, county archaeologist for Nottinghamshire, said: "The coin was part of the normal currency of the day and the highest denomination."

He added: "It is not a common find in this country and has a prestigious value."

A Roman legionnaire would have received only five similar coins for his annual pay.

Mr John Longham, the Nottinghamshire coroner, told the jury: "It is the bidding and not the abandonment which entitles the crown to possession. I don't think any human being would abandon a gold coin of such high value."

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Many more men than women have been infected so far.

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FIRST, about sex. There is no risk if both partners know they're not infected. But if you're not sure about your partner - to be safe, don't have

sex. If you do have sex, men should wear a condom (also called a sheath or a rubber). This cuts down the risk of infection. The more partners, particularly male partners, you have, the more likely it is that one of them will be in-

So remember - these are the two ways you are likely to get AIDS. No one has been infected through normal day to day contact.

with sex or drugs. So if you are a parent, make sure they too know the risks. For more detailed information write booklet to Dept A, PO Box 100, Milton Keynes, MK1 1TX.



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Women can catch the AIDS virus too. A woman can pass it on to her unborn child.



fect. So beware of casual sex. Sex which might damage the anus, vagina, penis or mouth is particularly dangerous if one of the partners is infected. Anal sex involves the greatest risk. Avoid it.

SECOND, about drugs. If you inject drugs, do not share needles or other equipment. Better still don't inject at all. Just one fix with an infected needle can give you the AIDS virus.



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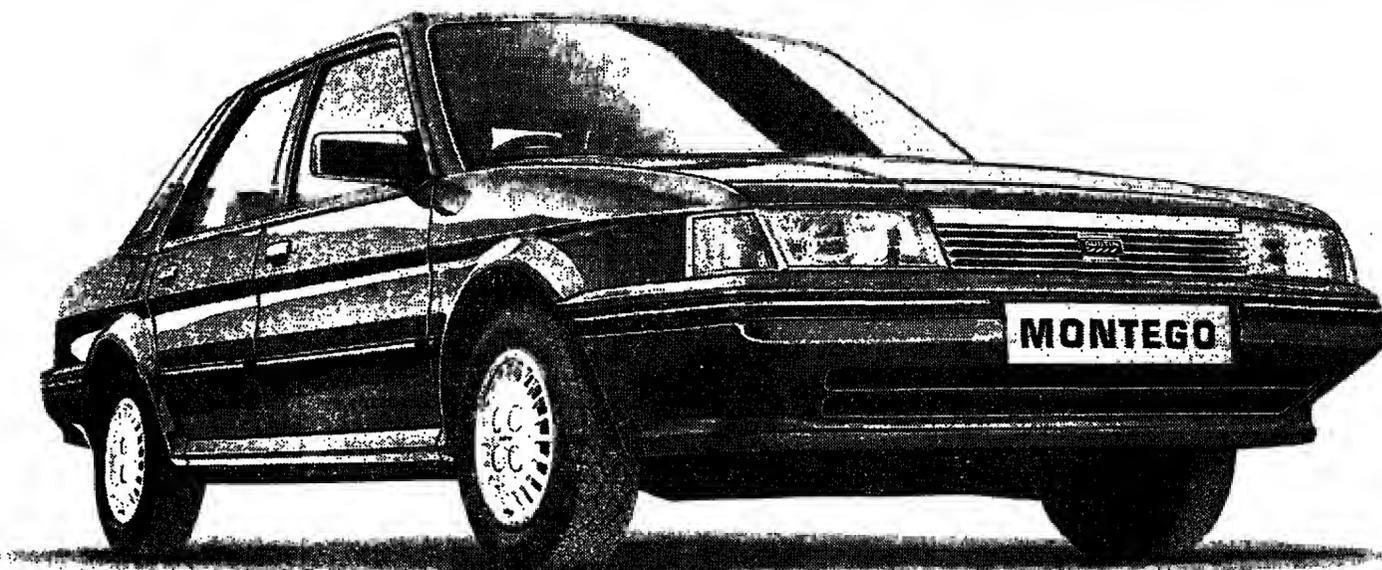
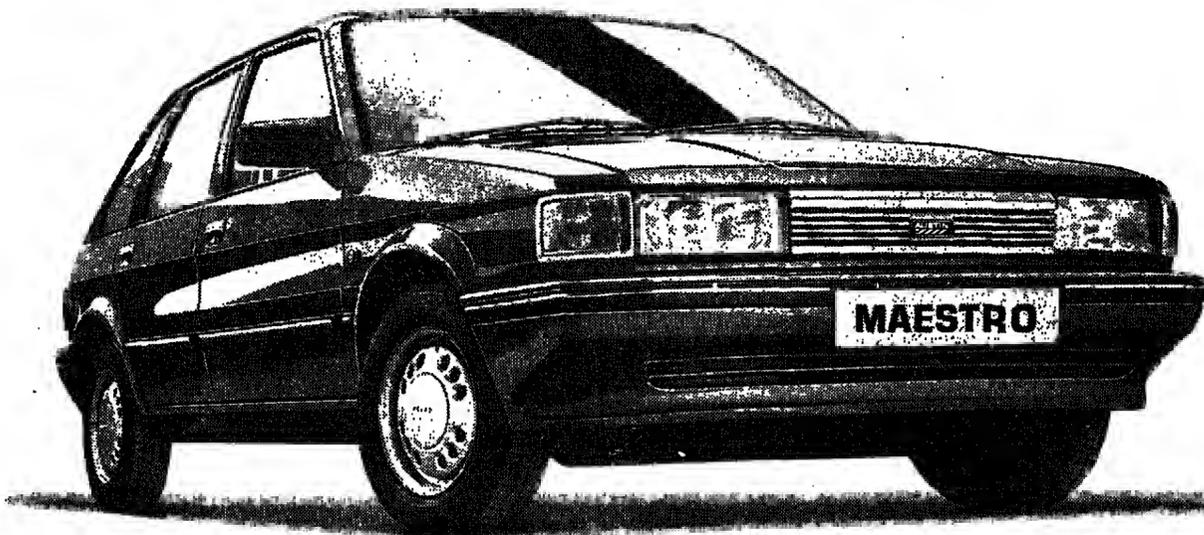
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Aquino triumph in US

Philippine communists given an ultimatum in speech to Congress

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Aquino of the Philippines, her visit to the United States already a resounding triumph, captivated a meeting of both houses of Congress yesterday with an emotional speech in which she issued a firm ultimatum to the communist insurgents to lay down their arms.

She thanked America for three happy years spent in exile with her children and murdered husband, Benigno, calling him "the sacrifice that answered prayers for freedom".

"Wearing an outfit of bright yellow, the colours of her presidential campaign, she went on to attack the "slavery" of her country's \$26 billion (£17.5 billion) external debt.

"No sooner is one stone laid than two are taken away," she said. "Half our export earnings, \$2 billion out of \$4 billion, which is all we can earn in the restricted markets of the world, must go to pay just the interest of a debt whose benefit the Filipino people never received."

Since Mrs Aquino arrived on Monday, the US has announced aid of \$150 million in addition to \$350 million already approved.

The Philippines also is to obtain about \$800 million in new credits from international institutions, which could lead

to a rescheduling of \$8.5 billion in commercial bank debts.

The US has been delighted by Mrs Aquino's position on two big American military bases in the Philippines.

She has reaffirmed that agreements for the bases would be respected until 1991, although a review would occur as scheduled in 1988. Yesterday she proclaimed a "new beginning" for relations with the US.

But it was her bluntness about the debt run up under the government of Mr Ferdinand Marcos that dominated her speech.



President Aquino with President Reagan yesterday.

"Many conditions imposed on the previous government that stole this debt continue to be imposed on us... and assistance or liberality commensurate with the calamity that was visited on us has been extended.

"Yet ours must have been the cheapest revolution ever. With little help from others, we Filipinos fulfilled the first and most difficult condition of the debt negotiation — the full restoration of democracy and responsible government."

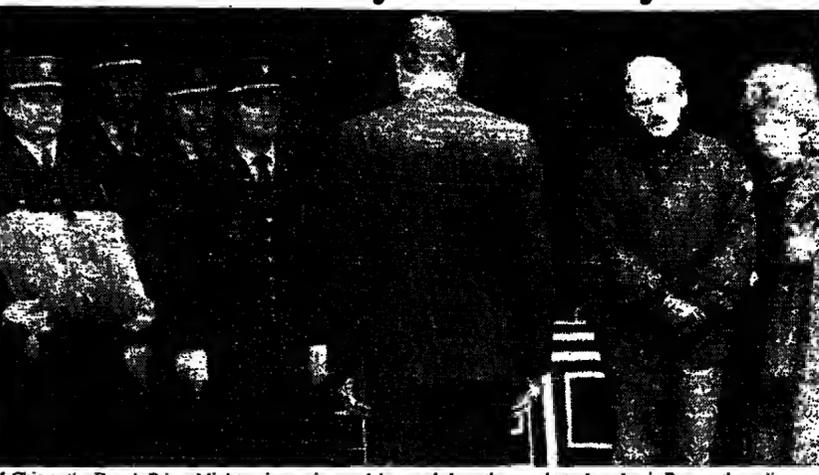
Referring to the communist threat, she said: "I will not stand by and allow an insurgent leadership to spurn our offer of peace and threaten our new freedom. Yet I must explore the path of peace to the utmost."

US officials have gone out of their way to praise Mrs Aquino's handling of the communist threat.

The Administration is embarrassed by earlier public criticism that she was not taking a tough enough stand against the insurgency, a criticism Mrs Aquino said she would ignore unless it was made face to face to her.

MANILA: Prosecutors ordered an investigation of two former Cabinet ministers, a former air force chief, and six other men for possible involvement in the killing of Benigno Aquino (AP reports).

Fear and cold fury after deadly attack



M Chirac, the French Prime Minister, inspecting medals awarded posthumously to Jean-Louis Bretau, the policeman killed in Sunday's bomb blast, in the presence of his parents during a ceremony at Paris police headquarters.

There is not yet panic, but there is fear. Wednesday's bomb attack on the Taxi clothes store near Montparnasse has changed the climate in the French capital noticeably.

Not only because it was the most deadly of the recent attacks, with five dead and 53 injured, but because for the first time the bomb was thrown from a passing car.

Nothing can prevent an attack like that. Not the visas, spot checks, military border patrols, armed police, body searches, nor any other measures in the Government's new anti-terrorist arsenal. And the people are afraid. They know that the Government can do nothing, and they know that the attacks will continue.

The indiscriminate nature of the bombing adds to the fear. There seems no rhyme or reason in the chosen targets — a Metro, a post-office, a cafe, a police headquarters, a cat-price clothing store — save to

demonstrate the impotence of the French security forces and to spread panic by killing and maiming as many innocent people as possible.

All one can do is to try to avoid going anywhere where there might be crowds. In recent days there has been a noticeable drop in the number of people on the Metro during rush hour, shopping in the big department stores, dining in the more popular restaurants, going to the cinema, or attending mass spectacles like international football matches.

The endless wailing of police and ambulance sirens throughout the city adds to the feeling of insecurity. Is it another bomb, or just a false alarm? How many dead and injured this time?

People are beginning to talk of friends or family who were near the scene of an attack, or had been there minutes before.

It makes it all rather too close for comfort. Will they be next? Terrorism is the topic on everyone's lips. It has pushed into the background politics,

with its endless petty rivalries and co-habitation ups and downs. For the moment, the country has forgotten its political differences and is united behind the Cabinet and what it is trying to do.

Fear has turned not to panic, but to anger and grim determination to face even worse attacks, rather than give in to the terrorists. Not a single voice has been heard suggesting that Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, the jailed terrorist whose release the bombers are demanding, should be set free.

On the contrary, even some of the mildest, most anti-capital punishment Frenchmen are now suggesting that he should rather be "quietly bumped off".

"You know, madame," a middle-aged shopkeeper said, "I'm totally opposed to the death penalty. I can't bear killing animals, let alone humans. But if I were the Government, I would go ahead and bomb the foreign capitals responsible for all this. And I

the first bomber the police lay their hands on. It would be better not to know what they'll do to him".

The Paris streets, never known for their absence of policemen, are now positively crawling with armed security of all kinds. Bags are checked before entry to most establishments. Some have even started body searches.

A few weeks ago that would have provoked violent protests. But no one complains; indeed, people are relieved.

I lunched yesterday in a restaurant well known as a meeting place for journalists and politicians, and was astonished not to be searched on entering. "We know all our customers," the maitre d'hotel explained. "If we don't recognize their names and voices on the telephone, we say the restaurant is full". Many tables remained vacant.

As for Government ministries and the Elysee Palace, shown on the terrorists' list as their next target, they have become veritable fortresses.

Tuvalu in call to rich to secure island costs

Suva (Reuters) — Mr Tomasi Pasi, Prime Minister of Tuvalu, said yesterday that he had asked rich nations to set up a trust fund so that interest could pay the running costs of his tiny and impoverished South Pacific islands.

He said that the aim was to raise \$Aus 27 million (£1.4 million) which would be invested to generate an annual income of \$Aus 1.9 million.

Army inquiry into crash

An Army board of inquiry flew to investigate the crash of an Army Air Corps Lynx helicopter on the Pyrenees in which three servicemen died.

The dead were named as Lieutenant Kevin McKewen, aged 37, of the Royal Marines, married, from Shrewton, Wiltshire; Warrant Officer I Graham Reed, 39, of the Air Corps, married with three daughters, from Prestatyn, Clwyd; and Warrant Officer II Brian Ives, 37, married with one daughter, of the Air Corps, from Norwich.

Heritage plea

Gibraltar — Save Britain's Heritage, the conservation group, has joined the controversy over the demolition of Gibraltar's Old Command Education Centre, the 18th-century building it recommended for preservation in 1982.

Case dropped

Melbourne (Reuters) — A 38-year-old woman dying of lung cancer has dropped plans to sue two cigarette companies because she is too ill to pursue the case, her lawyers said.

Missile denial

Moscow (Reuters) — The Soviet Union admitted that a missile had gone off course last week, but the Foreign Ministry denied that it had landed in northern China.

River rescue

Peking (Reuters) — A Chinese explorer stranded for five days on a rock in the middle of Yangze River rapids has been rescued, the China Daily said.

School starts

Berlin (AP) — The leader of the West Berlin Jewish community dedicated the first Jewish school in the city since the end of the Second World War.

Soviet call

Cairo (Reuters) — Mr Gennady Zhuravlyov, the Soviet Ambassador, presented his credentials to the Foreign Minister, Mr Esmat Abdel-Maguid, and reiterated support for a Middle East peace conference.

Grave bomb

Buenos Aires (Reuters) — A bomb damaged the grave of the man alleged to have been the Nazi war criminal Walter Kutschmann, police said.

Briton jailed

Pula, (Reuters) — Brian Thomas Hodgkins, aged 47, of London, was jailed for five years for a series of thefts along the Yugoslav river, court sources said.

Longer jail demand on junta men

From A Correspondent Buenos Aires

The Argentine Government, in a formal appeal to the Supreme Court, has asked for stiffer sentences against the nine former military commanders convicted of human rights violations during the 1976-1983 dictatorship.

In his appeal, the Attorney General, Señor Juan Octavio Gauna, said the court had been "arbitrary".

In its verdict of December last year, the court handed down life sentences to the former President, Jorge Videla, and to Admiral Emilio Massera, 17 years to General Roberto Viola, a former President during the military dictatorship; eight years to Admiral Armando Lambruschini; and 4½ years to Brigadier-General Ramón Agosti.

The prosecution had also asked for 15-year jail sentences for another former Lieutenant-General Leopoldo Galtieri, and Brigadier-General Omar Grigaglia; 12 years for Admiral Jorge Anaya; and 10 years for Brigadier-General Basilio Lami Dozo. All four were acquitted.

Israel hits back for attack on allies

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Israeli helicopter gunships were reported to be rocketing Lebanese guerrillas in the foothills of the mountains east of Sidon yesterday after anti-Israeli gunners had made their most devastating attack to date on Israel's proxy "South Lebanon Army" militia.

Up to 75 men, including members of the Islamic Resistance — the usual name adopted in southern Lebanon by the Hezbollah (Party of God) movement — and the Lebanese Communist Party, had stormed into four SLA positions, killing at least eight militiamen before retreating down the slopes below the village of Jarjoua.

Twelve of them captured two SLA men but were forced to release them when they were

were apparently surrounded by SLA reinforcements. According to Lebanese journalists in Sidon, the 12 were still under attack last night by Israeli helicopters as they made their way down the mountainside in the dusk.

It was the fourth guerrilla attack on the SLA in a week and came only a day after Mr Uri Lubrani, the Israeli adviser on Lebanon, claimed that the SLA would increase its military operations outside the Israeli occupation zone if guerrilla raids continued.

In what was presumably retaliation for the attack, shells from artillery in the mountains, fired either by SLA men or by Israeli troops, fell across 15 Shia Muslim villages south-east of Sidon.

Chernobyl design error

Moscow (Reuters) — The Chernobyl nuclear power station was designed by experts in hydro-electric plants unfamiliar with nuclear reactors, Pravda said yesterday.

In a report on a tour of the plant, the newspaper criticized the reactor's designers for having failed to foresee the possibility of the safety violations which led to the worst nuclear accident on April 26.

"In this the construction designers made a certain error," it said.

Pravda said that clearing radioactive debris from the power station roof was posing difficulties, since remote-controlled machines were hard to operate there.

East bloc halo on Iron Lady

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

A surprisingly sympathetic portrait of Mrs Margaret Thatcher emerges from her first full-length biography published in the Soviet bloc.

It was the Soviet Union, in a satirical journal *Krokodil*, that first labelled her "the Iron Lady". After seven years in office and with Mrs Thatcher due to visit Moscow, the Iron Lady's armour is beginning to take on flattering contours.

The book, published in Warsaw under the title *Iron Lady from Downing Street*, is written by a former London correspondent, Mr Marek Zaleski, who has consulted such basic sources on British affairs as *The Times* and *Pravda*.

Mrs Thatcher — or, in more intimate moments, "Maggie" — is described as determined, unflappable, self-confident, tough but sensible, unyielding

but at the same time tactful. Even her weaknesses turn out to be nothing more than cunningly camouflaged virtues. The author on the Prime Minister's speechcraft: "Mrs Thatcher was aware that she could hardly compete with the oratorical skills of Mr James Callaghan or, actually, of any other outstanding Labour or Conservative politicians."

"So she never tried to dazzle anybody with her speeches, even during the election campaign. Her speeches might have been boring, but they were short and to the point and thus her lack of oratorical gifts turned into a real asset."

Mr Zaleski considers that before the Falklands conflict she was probably the most unpopular head of government in the West, "but her quick reactions and courageous decision-making changed all that and elevated her to the status of the unquestioned leader."

The sharpest critical note is on Mrs Thatcher's handling of unemployment. A speech to a Conservative conference in Brighton, in which she regretted the human waste of unemployment, was "nothing more than a filtration with public opinion and an attempt to arrive at a peculiar apology for the Government."

Has Mr Zaleski abandoned his unique defence of the Prime Minister? It seems not, because it turned out that she was right in her unyielding defence of economic policy.

Stifling inflation and restoring confidence in the currency proved correct. Of course, unemployment did not go away. But is Mrs Thatcher really to take all the blame for the doubling of unemployment figures between May 1979 and May 1983?

In a sense, yes. On the other hand, only about 25 per cent of people polled in December 1982 blamed Mrs Thatcher.

Minister ends drug trail tour

From Geoffrey Matthews Bogota

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, was scheduled to fly back to Britain from Bogota today at the end of a two-week fact-finding mission to South America to investigate the international cocaine racket.

During his trip, he visited four of the key countries involved in the production of cocaine: Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, and finally Colombia.

Yesterday, in a series of meetings in Bogota, he discussed Colombia's continuing campaign against the racket with the Justice Minister and Interior Minister in President Barco's Government which took office six weeks ago, as well as police and military chiefs.

He later called at the United States Embassy, whose resident Drug Enforcement Administration agents are considered the unrivalled experts on the continental drug-smuggling network.

At the embassy he also met Mr Charles Gillespie, the US Ambassador, who recently told local businessmen that while the Colombian police's anti-narcotics squad was the most effective in Latin America, the nation continued to be the source of 75 per cent of the cocaine entering the US.

Colombia is the main centre for the processing of cocaine from paste brought in from Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador and also Brazil, where the coca plant flourishes.

Aircraft gift: Money, an aircraft and two Land-Rovers have been offered by the Government for the fight against drugs in three South American countries, Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, has announced during his tour (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes).

The Government has told Peru it can have a reconditioned Britten Norman Islander aircraft and will buy another as a matter of urgency.

By-election win boosts poll hopes

Johannesburg — The likelihood of a South African general election this year was considered yesterday to have been increased by the National Party's good showing in Wednesday's by-election in the Klip River constituency in the Ladysmith region of Natal (Michael Hornsby writes).

The result has focused attention on President Botha's speech at the opening of the Transvaal provincial congress of the National Party in Pretoria this evening where he may give some indication of his electoral intentions.

Lo a straight fight between the National Party's Mr Jacko Maree and Mr Chris Wolmarans, of the extreme right-wing Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP), the Government scored a comfortable victory.

Mr Maree received 5,865 votes, 3,033 more than the 2,830 cast for Mr Wolmarans. For a by-election, there was a high turnout of 58 per cent.

A spokesman for President Botha called the result, in a predominantly English-speaking province, "a sign that South Africa is united".

The HNP claimed a moral victory on the ground that the right-wing vote had doubled since the last general election. But there is no real comparison, as the last election took place before the breakdown from the National Party of the Conservative Party of Dr Andries Treurnicht.

The Conservative Party did not put up a candidate in Klip River.

A senior National Party source said yesterday that President Botha was "personally itching to hold an election". One reason is thought to be the frequent taunt from right-wingers that he no longer has a mandate from white voters.

The last general election was in April 1981, and the Government's five-year term would normally have expired earlier this year. But when the new Constitution was introduced in 1984 the white House of Assembly term was extended to 1989.

Black anger over mining disaster

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The executive of South Africa's black National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) was expected to meet last night to consider possible protest action over the loss of life at the Kinross gold mine where 177 miners died last Tuesday after an underground fire.

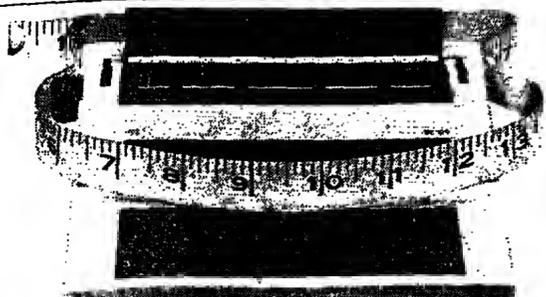
The NUM general secretary, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, described the disaster at the mine as "completely unnecessary" after visiting it on Wednesday, and suggested that proper safety measures regarding the use of flammable materials and the provision of fire extinguishers had not been observed.

There is also a possibility that the Kinross disaster could have an impact on important wage negotiations.

On July 1, the Chamber of Mines unilaterally introduced wage rises ranging between 15 and 20 per cent, but the NUM, which claims a membership of some 300,000 of the more than 500,000 blacks working in the mines, continued to hold out for an across-the-board 30 per cent rise.

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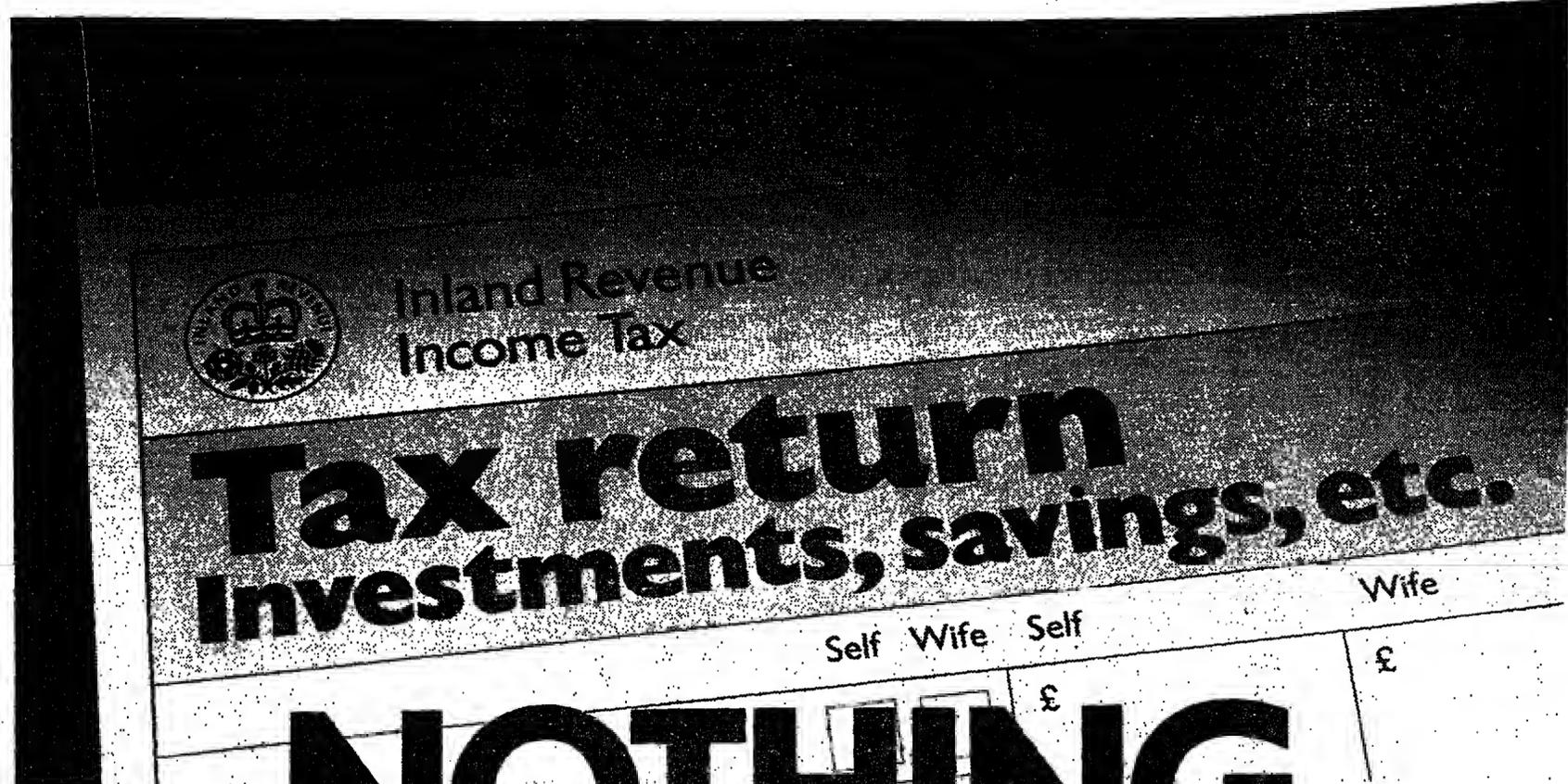


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Superpower summit in danger

Moscow warns of tit-for-tat if UN Russians are expelled

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet Union yesterday reacted angrily to the US decision to expel 25 members of its United Nations Mission by the end of the month and threatened that the Kremlin would take unspecified retaliatory measures if the expulsions went ahead.

The official warning, issued at a crowded press conference here on the eve of today's crucial meeting between the Soviet and American foreign ministers has raised the possibility of a damaging series of tit-for-tat expulsions.

It has also further called into question the prospects of staging a second superpower summit before the end of the year.

American diplomatic sources later said that the US could be expected to respond swiftly, and in kind, if the Soviet authorities began to order the expulsion of American diplomats, journalists or businessmen from Moscow to match the move against its 25 employees at the UN in New York.

Speaking less than 24 hours after the original Washington announcement, Mr Boris Pyadyshyev, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, described the US action as scandalous and said it was a deliberate

attempt to spoil relations in advance of the talks between Mr Eduard Shevardnadze and Mr George Shultz.

"We do not want to close our eyes and turn our backs. The US is making a mistake in thinking that this provocative step will have no consequences," the spokesman told reporters. "Such actions in international affairs always have consequences."

Mr Pyadyshyev refused to be drawn into spelling out the nature of the retaliation or when it would be put into effect by the Kremlin.

The Soviet official, whose briefing was understood to have been cleared at the top level of the Soviet hierarchy, was asked how Moscow might hit back since there were no Americans working for international organizations like the UN based inside the Soviet Union.

"I would note that the principle of mirror reaction is not always the best one," he replied.

His remarks increased concern among the 30 American journalists who are now accredited in Moscow that some of them might be singled out for expulsion.

Mr Pyadyshyev showed no sign of any weakening of the



Mrs Eduard Shevardnadze, wife of the Soviet Foreign Minister, leaving the Soviet Mission to the UN on Wednesday.

Kremlin's persistent hard line on the Daniloff case, referring instead to what he claimed was fabricated evidence against Mr Gennady Zakharov, the Soviet physicist who is awaiting trial for spying.

Mr Pyadyshyev, a veteran diplomat and a former deputy head of the Foreign Ministry's US Department, used the televised press conference as a vehicle for launching a sweeping attack against the Reagan Administration, noticeably more bitter in tone than those given here by other officials in the wake of Mr Daniloff's arrest on August 30.

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Americans seek concessions in Stockholm security talks

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

The United States was attempting last night to wring concessions from the Soviet Union as today's deadline approached for the reaching of agreement at the Stockholm security conference.

American officials stressed that they wanted a successful conclusion to the two-year-old Stockholm meeting before Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, meet in Washington.

The US negotiating team emphasized the importance of this meeting as a forerunner to any summit meeting between President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the So-

viet leader, and pushed the Soviet delegation for concessions on the two remaining obstacles to an agreement at Stockholm.

The first concerned the size of military activities that should be notified in advance. The Warsaw Pact wants activities involving up to 16,000 men excluded from notification. Nato wants that threshold reduced to between 9,000 and 10,000.

Under the provisions of the 1975 Helsinki agreement, which stipulated that exercises involving 25,000 troops should be notified, the Soviet Union has told the West of about three or four such manoeuvres each year.

If the threshold was reduced to between 9,000 and 10,000 men, it would result in perhaps 20 in 25 notifications of Warsaw Pact military activities each year.

The second concession being fought for by the US involves the aircraft to be used by inspection teams and who will fly them.

Nato recently dropped its previous insistence that inspecting nations should fly their own planes and grudgingly went along with a proposal that they be supplied and piloted by neutral nations.

Yesterday the Soviet Union remained seemingly implacably opposed to this idea.

Kremlin sets its terms on missiles

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

Soviet acceptance of any interim reduction in intercontinental nuclear weapons depends upon simultaneous agreement by both superpowers to comply with the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty for 15 to 20 more years.

This position was stated here yesterday by the acting head of the Soviet delegation, Mr Alexei Obukhov, before negotiations resumed on controlling nuclear and space weapons.

The latest American proposal, announced on Wednesday and conveyed to the Russians yesterday by Mr Max Kampelman, the chief US negotiator, is for a 30 per

cent, instead of 50 per cent, cut in strategic arms as an interim measure.

Mr Obukhov said the Soviet Union would like a ban on all space strike weapons but was prepared to agree on partial measures, such as banning anti-satellite weapons or space-based weapons directed at targets on Earth.

New chief for US Supreme Court

Senate approval for conservative

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The Senate voted by 65 to 33 votes to confirm the nomination of Justice William Rehnquist to succeed Chief Justice Warren Burger as head of the Supreme Court. The opposition was considerably stronger than expected, and Mr Rehnquist received more negative votes than any other justice ever confirmed to the court.

Two liberal Republicans - Senator Charles Mathias of Maryland and Senator Lowell Weicker of Connecticut - joined the Democrats and voted against Mr Rehnquist.

Senator Mathias, who had supported him at the Senate committee stage, changed his mind, saying he was disturbed by testimony that Mr Rehnquist failed to excuse himself from hearing a 1972 case concerning army surveillance of political groups, a policy he had helped to formulate.

The Senate also voted unanimously to confirm the

nomination of Judge Antonin Scalia to fill the vacant place on the High Court.

President Reagan said the two men would be "strong and eloquent voices for the proper role of the judiciary and the rights of victims". He was confident they would serve the court and the country well.

Both men are strong conservatives, and Chief Justice Rehnquist is expected to give a more firmly conservative stamp to the court's decisions.

Opposition to him centred on his alleged racism and attempts to prevent blacks voting in elections in the 1960s. Throughout the often bitter debate, his opponents, led by Senator Edward Kennedy, challenged his judicial ethics, his candour, his record on civil rights and individual liberty and, in the words of Senator Paul Simon, an Illinois Democrat, his ability to serve as "a symbol of justice for all our people".



Chief Justice Rehnquist, left, and Judge Scalia: seen by President Reagan as upholding proper role of judiciary

Nuclear lab shoot-out gets guards the sack

Livermore, California (AP) - Two guards at a nuclear research centre have been dismissed after a prank in which they fired blanks from laser-equipped weapons at a fellow guard, who answered with real bullets, officials said.

Two other guards at the Sandia National Laboratory were placed on unpaid leave after the incident.

The guard who fired the real bullets is having counselling and will return to work on probationary status, Marilyn Mulball, vice-president of Advance Security of Atlanta, said yesterday.

The company has a \$6.8 million (£4.6 million) contract to provide security for the laboratory. One of the sacked guards was wounded in the leg.

The disciplinary actions were taken because of "gross errors in judgment" exhibited by the five men, said the company.

Sandia, a subsidiary of AT & T Technologies, is operated and funded by the department.

Sandia performs secret research on non-nuclear components of nuclear weapons.

UN concern on superpower row

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

There were fears in the United Nations diplomatic community yesterday that the US expulsion of 25 of its Soviet employees could increase the conflict between the superpowers.

They blamed a series of crossed signals and misread messages throughout the entire episode, which began with the arrest of Mr Gennady Zakharov, the UN Soviet employee, on charges of espionage.

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, again repeated his offer to act as intermediary in

an effort to defuse tensions between the two sides. But UN officials said that the incident had gone beyond the scope of the Secretary-General.

The American contention that the expulsion order was not linked to the case of Mr Nicholas Daniloff, the American journalist being held in Moscow, was met with scepticism here.

It was said the recall was an attempt by Washington to disrupt criticism over its handling of the Daniloff case.

Diplomats and UN officials attributed the American directive to a misreading of remarks made last week by Mr Alexander Belonogov, the Soviet Ambassador to the UN, who

said that the US demand to cut back Moscow's mission was "absolutely illegal".

Since the American directive, issued last March, the Russians have quietly cut back to 212 mission members, six fewer than the 218 limit Washington had set.

A broad cross-section of diplomats did not like the idea of their missions being held hostage to the vicissitudes of East-West relations.

According to the UN legal council, any dispute over the size of a mission must be resolved through negotiations between the two sides. If those negotiations fail then the Secretary-General can bring the matter before three arbiters.

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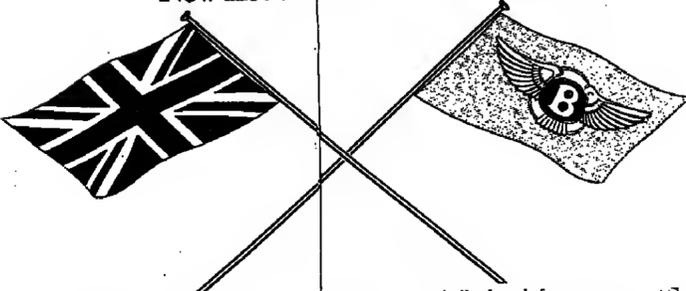


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Extradition of terrorists

Britain offers treaty in attempt to improve relations with India

From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi

Britain took an important step towards improving relations with India yesterday when the High Commission in Delhi delivered to the Foreign Ministry the draft of a bilateral extradition treaty.

The treaty is something that the Indian Government has long been pressing for, since there is a widespread feeling among official circles and in the public at large that Britain is not doing enough to deal with Sikh terrorists.

Until yesterday the British attitude has always been that a bilateral treaty is not necessary since the problems can be dealt with by amendment to the multilateral Fugitive Offenders Act, which governs extradition arrangements between Commonwealth countries.

India's anger over what its establishment sees as British indulgence towards the Sikhs has now finally overridden his reluctance.

The treaty presented yesterday goes a long way towards meeting their requirements.

It is perhaps a measure of how bad relations between the two governments have now become that the official In-

dian government spokesman declined repeatedly last night to welcome the concession, saying simply that India wished to see what the final outcome of the negotiations might be.

Aside from the Sikh question, and the related issue of pro-Pakistan militants from Kashmir, relations have taken a further sharp fall over the issue of sanctions against South Africa, and what the Indians see as racially discriminatory visa requirements shortly to be imposed by Britain on visitors from the sub-continent.

Although Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said during his visit here at the beginning of April that he was not in favour of a new treaty, he did make some proposals for improving extradition arrangements which are now incorporated in the British draft.

The draft also includes a proposal to disallow the "political" defence for acts of terrorism, which was proposed to Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, when he was in London last October.

The Indians themselves

submitted a draft treaty in January of this year, and the British proposal includes some of the suggestions made then — in particular, it includes the crime of conspiracy in India to commit an act of terrorism in India among those not protected by the political defence.

British officials regard the "no-list" method of defining extraditable crimes as an improvement on the Indian draft.

This makes extraditable any crime which would attract a sentence of at least 12 months in both countries, instead of relying on a list of agreed crimes, and was the main proposal made by Sir Geoffrey in April.

In one respect it is less than the Indian proposal. The Indians wanted to exclude a "humanitarian" clause, which is present in their own extradition law, protecting individuals from extradition where they might be harshly treated on racial or other grounds.

The negotiations on the treaty will be taken up at the beginning of October when a team led by Dr P. Srinivasa Rao, the Foreign Ministry's legal affairs director, will go to London.

Seoul police on parade for Asian Games



South Korean police assembling yesterday for a briefing outside the Olympic Stadium in Seoul before the start of the Asian Games tomorrow. They are seeking a radical left-wing student they suspect played a key role in the Seoul airport bomb attack last Sunday, police sources said. (Reuter reports from Seoul). Police were also screening the records of 267 foreigners who visited South Korea shortly before the attack, in the belief that one of them may have smuggled in the explosives used for the bomb. The sources said the student, who evaded a crackdown on radical anti-government students last month, could have been aided by North Korea. The Government has said the attack was carried out either by North Korea, which it accuses of trying to sabotage the Games, or by "inspire elements" influenced by the North. Pyongyang has rejected the charge.

Tamil attacks and Colombo policy sap morale

Strain starts to hit Sri Lanka troops

From Michael Hamlyn Jaffna

While the Tamil communities in the north and east of Sri Lanka have gathered most of the international sympathy of the country, it is also possible to feel some pity for the much-criticized Sri Lankan armed forces.

It is not much fun for the soldiers to be penned up in their camps in the northern peninsula of Jaffna while armed militants lie in wait at every gate.

They get no enjoyment from being compelled to sit there while the Tamil rebels, seeking the establishment of a separate Tamil state, loathe home-made but none the less effective mortar bombs at them, together with a mixture of rocket-propelled grenades and rifle bullets.

"We want peace, too, you know," said Brigadier Gerry Da Silva, the security forces commander in the Jaffna peninsula. "We miss the company of our families, too. We want this war to end."

After a number of incidents involving members of the armed forces when Tamil men, women and children were massacred to avenge the deaths of soldiers in guerrilla ambushes, the Sri Lankan forces now seem to be under more perfect control. But the result is that the men chafe under what they feel is the

unnatural restraint of national policy. The Army has increased the strength and depth of its patrols since May, but the only way to bring the peninsula back under military control would be the establishment of army encampments every 10 miles.

The result would be that every part of the district would be within reach of a foot patrol that was within reach of a

camp. But the cost in terms of manpower and money would be unrealistic. Because of this the patrols that do leave the camps are instantly engaged by the rebel groups, and every day fire-fights occur. Since many of the camps are in densely populated areas, the risk to local Tamil civilians is high and

Tamil guerrillas are believed to be responsible for the blast. Tamils form only 46 per cent of the province, but it is claimed by the separatists as part of their traditional homeland.

many casualties have been inflicted.

The Army also still faces some problems of discipline. Last week, for example, a young hysterical soldier shot his officer and two others because he was aggrieved over his leave.

"The indiscipline has been greatly exaggerated," said Brigadier Da Silva, but he admitted it did exist. In places like Point Pedro,

the northernmost town of the island republic, the population has avoided the threat from the crossfire, or from the indiscipline, by abandoning homes, shops and markets and moving away from the gates of the camp. Point Pedro has become a ghost town.

But in Jaffna, the capital of the district (this is not so easily done.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the biggest of the rebel groups, has built its own 155 mm mortar and has a small factory turning out aluminium-cased mortar bombs to fire it. The use of this provokes the Army to respond in kind with mortars of its own.

The result is that people have died in the town's central market.

"I keep telling people that if they see the terrorists bringing up their weapons they must move out, at least for an hour or so," said the brigadier, who was an officer cadet at Sandhurst in the early 1960s. "We are definitely going to react."

Reagan wins battle over aid for Unita

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The Democrat-controlled US House of Representatives has given President Reagan an important foreign policy victory by voting to continue covert military aid to Dr Jonas Savimbi's guerrilla forces fighting the Marxist Government of Angola.

By a 229-189 vote, the House on Wednesday defeated a bid by opponents to kill President Reagan's approval earlier this year of a \$15 million (£10.2 million) aid deal for the rebel National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita).

President Reagan and his congressional supporters see the aid for the rebels as a crucial element in stemming Soviet expansionism in southern Africa.

Unita has been fighting a bush war for more than a decade against Luanda.

Before the House vote, Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, sent a letter to Congress saying the bid to kill the aid would stop any movement toward a negotiated settlement in Angola.

Mr Shultz plans to discuss apartheid, economic sanctions and the Namibia independence dispute during a visit he is tentatively planning to southern Africa next month.

Details have to be worked out, but the tour is expected to last about 10 days, and he is likely to visit South Africa, some black African frontline states, including Zambia and possibly Kenya, and at least one West African nation.

US forces shake-up cuts across red tape

From Christopher Thomas Washington

Congress has approved the most sweeping military reorganization in 40 years, giving substantial new powers to the 10 theatre commanders based from Europe to the Pacific and making the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff the principal military adviser to the President.

The changes are designed to slice through the interminable layers of Washington bureaucracy that have prevented or slowed decision-making by commanders on the ground.

Snarls in the command chain have been blamed for contributing to the deaths of 241 American servicemen in Beirut in October 1983, when a lorry loaded with explosives was driven into their headquarters barracks.

The Bill was sent to President Reagan on Wednesday for signature. Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, and the Joint Chiefs had earlier opposed the changes.

Mr Les Aspin, chairman of the House armed services committee, said the reorganization was "one of the landmark laws of American history" and "clarifies an end to four decades of lip service" to the idea that the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps act as a team rather than as competitors.

The changes were initiated in the Senate, after which the House produced versions of its own. Compromises were agreed during long, arduous negotiations.

Representative Bill Nichols, chief architect of the legislation in the House, said the most important change was the strengthening of the role of the commanders. "We give them the awful responsibility of winning but not always the tools they need," he added.

At present the US commander of European forces, for example, could not even dictate where ammunition must be stored but must go through the military bureaucracy for permission.

Mr Nichols said that under the Bill the commander could, among other things, store ammunition where he wished, hire and fire four-star generals and admirals, and send his budget recommendations directly to the Defence Secretary.

Designers of the Bill believe it will take four or five years to determine fully whether it has been effective. Senator Barry Goldwater, chairman of the Senate armed services committee, said the measure was his proudest achievement and "the only thing I have done in the Senate that is worth a damn".

Under present rules, the chairman of the five-member Joint Chiefs of Staff presides over that body and presents its collective view to the President.

Under the new rules, the chairman will not have to present consensus opinions. He will also be the principal military adviser to the National Security Council and the Defence Secretary and could serve as long as six years rather than the current four.

Muslim sects clash in Punjab riots

Islamabad — Sectarian riots yesterday defied a curfew in Lahore, capital of Pakistan's Punjab province, setting fire to two Shia Muslim places of mourning (Hasan khatir writes).

The curfew was imposed on Wednesday after the worst sectarian clashes in many years. Unofficial sources said 50 people had been killed.

Sunni Muslims had refused passage to Shias mourning the martyrdom of Imam Husain, a Prophet's grandson.

World Bridge US seeks clean sweep

By A Bridge Correspondent, Miami Beach

The US seems headed for a clear sweep of honours in the world knock-out team championships being played here.

There were two all-American meetings in the finals of the three pools. Stelios Touchidis, Ross Grabel, Stan Holzberg, Robert Rodwin, Jim Robinson and Jon Wittes were surprise winners against a powerful French team.

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Kit Woolsey were too experienced for their Icelandic opponents, while in the all-American match Mike Becker, Michael Lawrence, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Ronald Radin and Peter Weichsel beat the Martel team.

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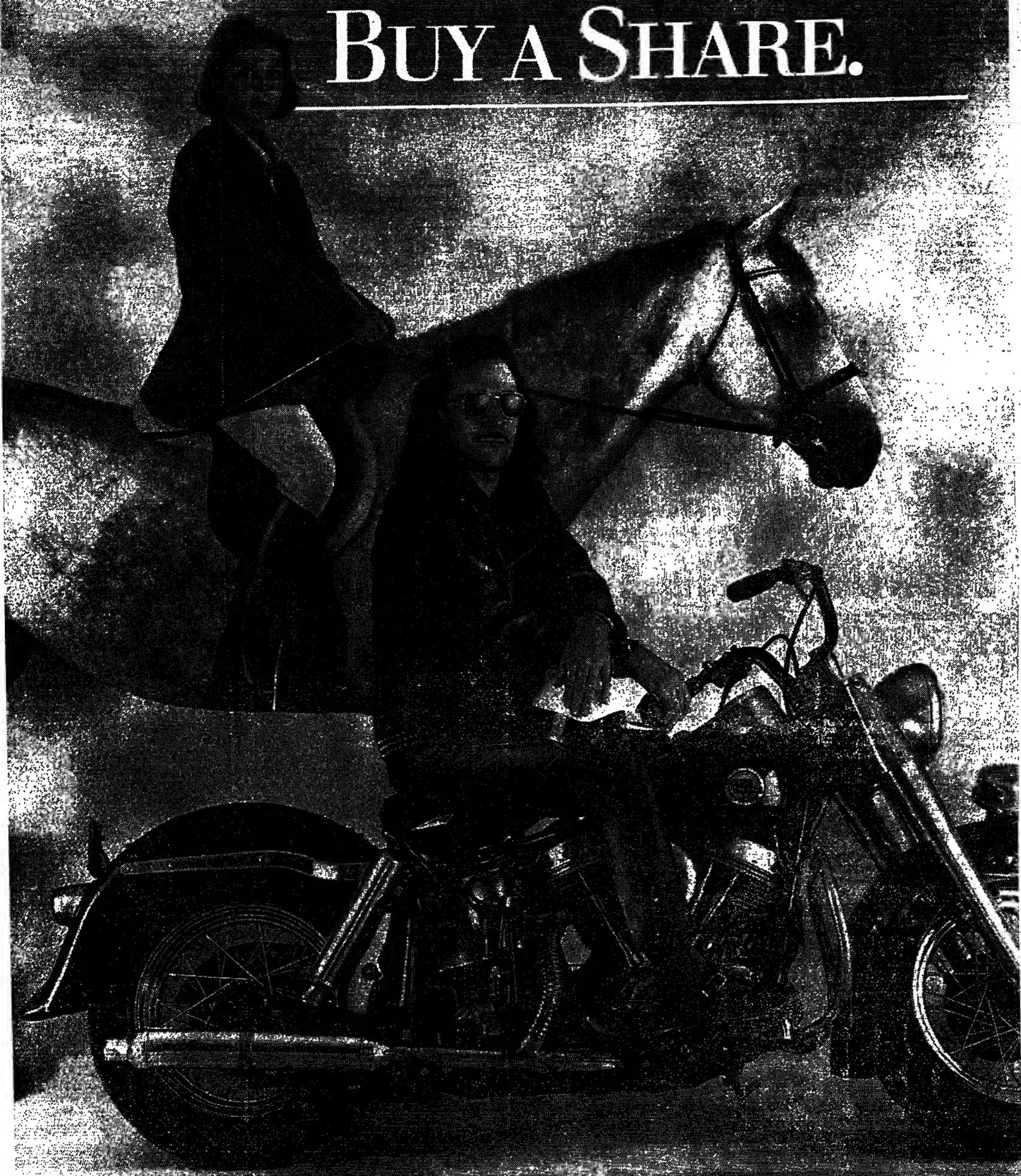
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Kilroy is here, five days a week

If Robert Kilroy-Silk did not already exist, Phil Donahue, the top American talk show host, could shortly claim to have invented him. The Labour MP is about to resign his seat for a daytime television show for the BBC which is likely to bear a strong resemblance to Donahue's daily hour in the company of America's housewives. The resemblance is purely intentional.

Kilroy-Silk's show, not yet finally scheduled but likely to be from 9 to 10 am, will involve a live discussion on topics of the moment between a panel of experts and the studio audience. Transmitted five days a week, it will give Kilroy-Silk even more television exposure, in terms of time, than his friend and neighbour, Terry Wogan.

"We intend to be lively and topical", says Kilroy-Silk, "and we shall not just be arguing about the news but taking issues a stage further and making news ourselves". Possible names for the programme include *It's Kilroy* and *Kilroy's Here* but the current favourite is the more prosaic *Day to Day*.

Anyone familiar with American television will detect the similarity to *The Phil Donahue Show*. "Donahue is an opinionated and colourful personality", says a source close to *Day to Day*, "and we make no apology for the fact that we intend to copy his style as closely as possible".

But Sara Ramsden, producer of *Day to Day*, says: "Robert will not be quite the star figure that Donahue is, but more a catalyst. Donahue is very opinionated and we do not envisage Robert having quite that role. But he will not always be the impartial BBC presenter".

The gestation of *Day to Day* goes back long before Kilroy-Silk decided there was more to life than fighting the Militant Tendency. The Donahue programme was seen by several top BBC men, not least Michael Grade, during trips to the United States and they were determined to bring the format to Britain.

The maturing of plans for *Daytime*, an attempt to present a more dynamic schedule during the traditionally fallow hours of the morning and afternoon, presented the opportunity. But the success of the format depended heavily on the presenter and the search was mounted for a British Donahue.



Housewives' choice: Phil Donahue, right, the American inspiration for British things to come in the shape of Robert Kilroy-Silk, above

Millions of women see Phil Donahue about as often as they see their husbands: once a day for an hour. Now Robert Kilroy-Silk, the Labour MP, aims to do on British daytime TV what Donahue does in America. Paul Valley and Peter Waymark report

In the end, the matter was settled very quickly. At the beginning of July, Kilroy-Silk mentioned to a friend that he was giving up politics. Word got through to the BBC. Kilroy-Silk was offered the job and he accepted it almost immediately. Physically, Donahue resembles not so much Kilroy-Silk as another Briton, the artist, David Hockney. He has the same mop of grey-blond hair and the same ingenious round spectacles. Only the air of gentle abstraction is missing, but intellectual hesitancy is not something American television cherishes.

Though Donahue has long been among America's leading chat show hosts, he has been at the job for almost 20 years and has 18 Emmy awards, he is now considered at the height of his drawing powers. Last week his syndicated show, which is seen on 215 television stations throughout the United States, Canada and Australia, was moved from 10 am to 4 pm as part of a ratings battle between NBC, his major outlet, and its rival networks. The unimpressed stranger might think that neither is prime viewing time. But that would be missing the point. Donahue is the housewives' choice, a Wogan without the jokes, who has built his career on teasing out the

human interest factor from the issues of the day and offering them in a palatable coffee-time format. The staff on *The Phil Donahue Show* have an elevated view of their purpose. "We take the major issues — East/West relations, drugs, AIDS — and present them in an intelligent and accessible manner", one of his backroom people said loftily. "Well, yes, they do cover East/West relations, but in the manner of *The Housewives of Illinois* Confront the Housewives of Kiev", says Peter Boyer, a television critic of *The New York Times*. "They also do things like

How to Live with a Trans-sexual Husband. It's not exactly the sort of programme that the leaders of governments rush to their screens to see. But it is a great success with the women at home. Donahue schmoozes with them. He elevates and flatters them. Donahue takes exception to that sort of description. When one reporter asked him recently if he had reservations about doing a programme which merely pandered to housewives, he was animated in his response. "The phrase is sexist and bespeaks a prejudice about housewives. "Housewives are people with cutters who sit under hairdriers and read movie magazines about

whether Burt will marry Lonnie. This is a very narrow stereotype. If there's anything our programme has demonstrated, it's that women want to hear a lot more than daytime television gives them." Donahue is strong on sexism. He is a reformed male chauvinist and indeed has made something of a career out of the conversion. As befits a one-time altar boy at Our Lady of Angels parish in Cleveland, Ohio, he repeats his mea culpa loudly and often. "I was handed from mother to wife in my first marriage. If you wanted to be my slave, I was going to let you. I was raised that way", he is fond of telling interviewers. Given the chance, he would like to

bring up the five children of that first marriage again and differently. "I would work harder to be as demonstrably loving with the boys as I was with my daughter."

Now aged 50, he has left behind his first wife, just as he left the television station in Dayton, Ohio, where his show was first recorded and broadcast. It is now taped in New York where he lives with his second wife Mario Thomas, a glamorous American television and Broadway star.

Donahue has developed the reputation, undoubtedly to Alan Alda's chagrin, as "America's most famous, sensitive, liberated man". His technique as an interviewer is confrontational. He sets carefully-chosen antagonists against one another, surrounded by a largely female audience.

Sometimes the strategy is all in the planning, as on the occasion when his guests were the former wives of a famous US politician and publisher who had gone through messy cases and since led rather racy sex lives. "He knew that half the women in the audience would think they were sluts and would go for them with a lot of screaming and shrieking. All good television, of course, but you can only take that kind of thing in fairly small doses", says Peter Boyer.

"Is he serious about it? Well yes, but then vacuum cleaner salesmen are serious about that. But his sort of thing is not what you or I mean by serious."

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The forgotten war

To most people, the public face of Sandy Gall is as an ITN newscaster. But he is equally a veteran war correspondent, having covered Vietnam, the Congo and Amin's Uganda. And recently he returned from a perilous two months dodging Russian patrols in Afghanistan in search of the guerrilla leader Ahmed Shah Masud.

This was Gall's third trip to Afghanistan and his second filming of Masud. He has also recorded how the Pashtuns, the majority tribe, were faring. This time, he wanted to see how Masud was progressing. "I wanted to go back because it is a disgrace that the fighting is still not being reported properly. After all, it is their Vietnam", he says.

After waiting a month in Islamabad — "I hadn't realised the high passes were snow-bound and we physically couldn't get across" — Gall, along with an ex-army man and a cameraman, were smuggled over the Pakistani border with the help of the Mujahideen guerrillas. They were disguised in local shalwar (baggy trousers) and kamaz (long shirts).

The trio entered Afghanistan in the north and spent two weeks trekking through Nuristan to the Panjsher Valley. They then went up to Takhar Province and northwards to Farkhar. For a country still at war, it was a remarkably incident-free trip. The team twice drove in a captured Russian jeep. Other- wise they rode or walked across mountainous terrain in uninterupted stints of 10 to 12 hours. Food was scarce and

Sandy Gall has just returned with unique battle footage after a perilous trip through occupied Afghanistan



War veteran: Sandy Gall

they survived on vast quantities of rice and tough goat — supplemented with their own supplies of bully beef, tinned sardines and tinned cheese.

When they found Masud in Farkhar, Gall discovered a remarkably able and well-organized commander who is still full of confidence. "He was half-way to becoming a Tito-type overall partisan leader and running the war very well in his own north-eastern constituency."

Masud was planning an attack on an Afghan army garrison of about 300 people,

just north of Farkhar. It was heavily defended, with machine-gun posts on the surrounding hills.

On August 17, Masud attacked with heavy weaponry, including machine-guns and devastating BM12 multi-rocket launchers. The cameraman went into the thick of the action, and the battle footage should be spectacular. Masud claimed a major victory, finally overrunning the last post in a new attack 36 hours later.

Gall feels that Masud is making headway, but that he is an exception. There have been huge changes since his last visit. "The balance of power has shifted in favour of the Soviets and Afghan government," he says. The Russians have improved their tactics in the past two years and adapted conventional tank-fighting methods to guerrilla warfare in the mountainous country, employing more special Spetsnaz forces to carry out strike operations.

"In many areas the Mujahideen have been put under extreme pressure and some are very dispirited. But there is no suggestion they will give up, even if they are beaten to their knees."

However, Gall is wary of generalization, pointing out that covering and assessing the war is almost impossible. "You have to walk or go on horseback, so you only get to see one area. You rely on other people's reports." Still, he will attempt an assessment in a one-hour documentary on ITV in November — after considering the plight of the Afghan nation and profiling Masud.

Their "plight" he says, is that one-third of the population (5 million people) are refugees in Pakistan and Iran. There are also swarms of internal refugees living with relatives in shanty towns or caves in the hills. "Guerrillas are a very elusive target, and so every day, Russians are carrying out atrocities and killing civilians. It is not reported because there is nobody there to do so.

In December it will be seven years since the Russians invaded. "It must rank as one of the great tragedies of the century, one of the most vicious wars and the biggest since the Second World War," says Gall. "It shows no sign of letting up."

Nor does Gall. The proceeds of the Boisdale Ball for Afghanistan on September 25 will be divided between Afghan Aid and the Sandy Gall Appeal, which supplies Afghans with artificial limbs.

Caroline Phillips

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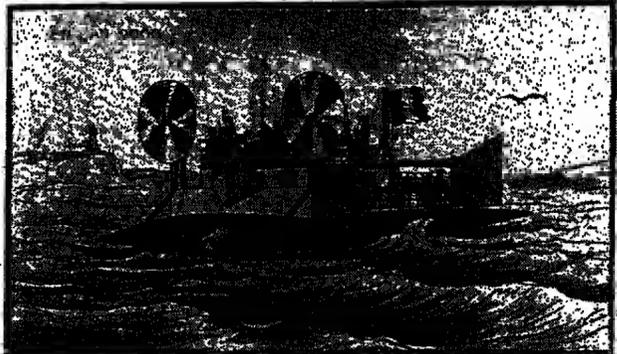
The prolific Isaac Asimov has written a unique analysis of the future predicted on old cigarette cards

Isaac Asimov remembers the future as if it were yesterday. Every working day Asimov must crouch at his computer terminal (surely nothing less?) and call up that part of the 23rd century in which he had been exploring the day before. Futurism is an industry, and Asimov a captain of it.

It is not a modern invention. Futurism, thrived for centuries without benefit of a label. Most of it was doomed, as in the Book of Revelations: an apocalyptic encounter between Good and Evil, a world reduced to the smoke and dust of its own excess, a day of judgement, all mankind summoned before God to have the report card stamped. Must Do Better.

Some say this kind of futurism is gibberish; I prefer to wait and see. Asimov prefers to write and see, and he has considerable vision. He joins a distinguished line, including thinkers like Wells, who brought us atomic bombs soon after the powers of the nucleus had been identified, and adventurists like Verne, who took us to the bottom of the sea before submarines and into space before aircraft.

Verne, writing in the middle of the last century, was perhaps the first modern futurist, in that he extrapolated the rapid change already under way, courtesy of the steam engine, to show where it might lead.



Inspired artwork: Côté's 1899 "hydroplane" looks like the modern hovercraft

How interesting, then, to find that Asimov's latest book, *Futuredays*, as well as being fixed in the past, provides an opportunity to compare the imaginative intelligence of more or less contemporary men: Verne, who made his debut with *Five Days in A Balloon* in 1863, and Jean Marc Côté, a French commercial artist commissioned in 1899 to draw cigarette cards showing what he thought the world would be like in the year 2000.

Asimov's commentary on the cards is kind to Côté and rightly so. The Frenchman was overly-cautious in his predictions, because, understandably enough, he assumed a more or less unchanged pace of development: so slow had it been until the 1800s that few people foresaw that progress over the next 100 years would be more like watching paint applied than watching it dry. Given that Côté's predic-

tions lacked that time dimension, other elements of his perception are all the more remarkable. He foresaw the coming of air sea rescue. For instance, and it was only his technological innocence that had him depicting gliders, not helicopters, plucking men from the sea. And he brought us a "hydroplane", which Asimov reckons could be a blueprint for the seaplane but which also bears a remarkable resemblance to a crude form of hovercraft.

Travel in all its glorious variety seemed to have fascinated Côté as much as it did Verne. He correctly predicted the concept of airmail, introduced 20 years later in the US, but the practicality had him depicting a winged postman delivering the mail house-to-house.

The undersea world of Jean Marc Côté was one long party. Children played croquet on the seabed and he invented a novel version of

fishing in which you cast the line upwards from under the water to catch seagulls.

Not that catching seagulls to eat would be necessary in Côté's 2000, for — three years after the discovery of vitamins — he gave us a dinner party at which all the food was in pill form.

Some things in life, however possible, have a habit of being unpredictable — especially where money is concerned. *Futuredays* reaches us now because the cigarette cards themselves have only recently come to light, the reason being that the firm which commissioned them went bust just as Côté finished his work. One hopes the Parisian had the foresight to get paid in advance.

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Through the eye of a loving lens

Jacques-Henri Lartigue was the man who stopped time by ceaselessly collecting the present. Before his death last week, at the age of 92, his high-spirited photographs of bourgeois French life early this century had come to serve as a common memory of that time, and his pictures of women over a period of nearly 85 years provide a calendar of the changing styles of fashion and beauty in the 20th century.

Lartigue's admirers know his photographs of his first wife, Bibi, his second, Coco, and of many other women in his life. Florette, to whom he was married for 41 years, is thought of as a latecomer. But in his diaries — recently published in France — Lartigue's surviving widow is revealed as a startlingly erotic nymph who painted her hands blue as a prelude to making love. Here, within these pages, she loves her, rejects her, is unfaithful to her, questions what he's done to deserve such happiness, and finally gives in. Florette's sexuality tells us something about the difference between private and public experience, private and public women.

During the war, Lartigue noted: "Between Florette and Martine Carol, both so pretty, perfumed. One is all done up to please me. The other to please others, all the others. Theatre actress — future movie star maybe — is her charm, her flirtatiousness calculated to get the desired result, or will the desired result come because she is the way she is?"

Lartigue and Florette divided their life between an apartment in Paris and a house in Opio, in the South of France. The apartment is almost bare, for 35 years it served as a studio and storage rooms, and now that the products of Lartigue's obsession are carefully guarded by the state, the studio is being used for lunches and the storage room contains only his collection of magazines and

The man who captured women talked to Joan Juliet Buck just before his death last week



Lartigue with Florette autographed books. "We took the apartment," Lartigue told me earlier this year, "because it wasn't heated and had no elevator."

Today there's a lift wedged into the stairwell, but the place is still heated by a single wood-burning stove in the main room. Firewood is piled in the hall. There is a small blue kitchen where Florette and Lartigue ate lunch, while looking through magazines. In the bedroom are twin beds with a crucifix painted by Lartigue on the wall between them. "This place was very sophisticated and overdone," Lartigue said. "Florette thought it was hideous. But it was in the sun all day, and across the street is a boys' school where no one looks out of the windows, so I could walk around naked."

The table in the middle of the room is where they held their lunch parties. "Never

more than eight", says Florette. But those eight might well have been actor Alain Delon, actresses Mireille Darc, Charlotte Rampling and Nastassia Kinski, cartoonist Claire Brétcher, playwright Jean-Claude Carrière, and photographers Henri Cartier-Bresson and Jeanloup Sieff. In his diaries, Lartigue wrote of a lunch in 1979 at which one of the guests was the then president of France, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. "Plates cleared by all guests, president included. Funny picture to take of him handing a plate to Florette for the washing up! When Valéry tells a story, you think of a rich man giving away coins out of his pocket. Among other things, he talks about the stories he tells himself as he's falling asleep to cover the yawns of reality that he receives during his waking life."

Lartigue was a national treasure, a monument to the way the French would like to see themselves. A bureau called L'Association des Amis de Jacques-Henri Lartigue is in charge of his collection of more than 250,000 photographs, his gift to the nation. He has permanent exhibition space at the Grand Palais, and a museum of his paintings is planned at L'Isle-Adam, near Paris.

Having taken the official portrait of Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, he became something of an official himself. He proudly carried the red ribbon of the Légion d'Honneur and a rosette, singling him out as a Commandeur des Arts et Lettres, in the buttonhole of his best suits. In May the church square in Opio, the village in the South of France where he also lived, was renamed Place Jacques-Henri Lartigue, and in the same month, a sunning exhibition containing his stereoscopic photographs opened in Paris.

Admirers of Lartigue's photographs have had difficulty in deciding how to place his painting. That is because in his painting he did not set



In camera: portrait of Renée Perle by Jacques-Henri Lartigue

out to record his world, but his response to it. According to the great man himself, the difference between painting and photography lay with the imponderables, painting obviously being much deeper. But he added that although he went out with Marlene Dietrich, he could never bring himself to take her picture: "She's had so many problems with photographers that I only dared do one or two sketches."

When pressed, he admitted that she was "very voluptuous, full of a dangerous charm". In a diary entry dating from 1937 one learns how he felt: "Why the silence? Why no spark for telling it? To talk about her painted lips, her voice, to talk about this Hôtel

Lancaster where I'd walk in, distended with ease, and also tense? Not bothering her with pictures, saturated as she is with posing...?"

Lartigue said he found the truth "in the back of my head. Making my Paris friends jealous to see me go by with her, calming the turbid desire to know her which her films provoked in me, being as proud as if I'd won a tennis tournament. "If Marlene had really loved me and I'd had really loved her even for three minutes, I'd be nauseated to be talking like this. She leaves tomorrow and I'm almost happy. At night, when you take off your stiff dress shirt, you're free, even if

you no longer have the smell of the white gardenia that was slowly wilting in your buttonhole."

A friend of many years, the American photographer Ralph Bizon remarked just before Lartigue's death: "When you're looking through the album, every 11 pages there's a masterpiece. I asked Jack how he does it. 'Les bons yeux et le bon coeur', he said, and then he put his hands on his stomach and brought them out like this — up and out, palms held up — and said: 'You must have love'. It was like talking to Buddha. He had that love. You don't survive without it; you don't live that long with hate."

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No, I did not marry a house

How the National Housewives Register is caught up in a domestic argument

Something of a rumpus has erupted within the 24,000-strong membership of the National Housewives Register. It seems that "housewife" has become a dirty word for younger NHR members who had seen the spray-can writing on the wall, particularly that which spells out the strident sentiment "Don't call me a housewife: I'm not married to a house."

No lively-minded woman worth her salt (and the NHR styles itself as "a meeting point for the lively-minded woman") can remain impervious to such subversive slogans. As Gillian Drake, national organizer of the NHR, explains: "Very few women are full-time housewives these days, and a lot of our newer, younger members feel that the word is an immense recruitment barrier. Instead of 'housewife' they now prefer to use expressions like 'household worker' or 'domestic manager'."

Despite a few reactionary NHR diehards who grumble, "oh, not that old chestnut again, let's stick to the name we've got", 27 new name suggestions have been collected from the organization's 1,200 groups and 180 affiliated overseas groups. These have been whittled down to three: National Women's Register, Women's Forum and Women's Link. Drake emphasized that in each new name suggested, "women" is not spelt 'wimmin'. "Definitely not. We are a non-pressure, non-political group and do not want to be confused with radical 'wimmin's' groups."

"Several of our overseas groups, for example, have been calling themselves Women-in-Touch. This has led to problems with people who thought they were lesbian organizations. Not that we're against lesbians. They would be made as welcome as everybody else..." She added that while most members favour a new name, there have been many requests that the initials remain unchanged. "This recently prompted a newsletter poem from Merseyside member Philippa Collingwood who made a play on the initials with suggestions as diverse as Naughty Hedonistic Ravers to Need Hair Remover. Drake preferred Naturally Honest Rationalists. The NHR was set up in 1966 after a newspaper article entitled "Squeezed in like sardines in suburbia", in which the writer berated the dreary lot of stay-at-home-wives. It has been mildly infected since by the fever of women's liberation. Mrs

Drake explained that "quite a few" feminists have joined along with career women and "party political types". NHR members are more conscious of women's rights than they were in the early days. They are also insistent to the point of frenzy, that they do not meet to swap home hints, share knitting patterns, and discuss 50-ways-with-mince. They are not amused at jibes, mostly from husbands, that NHR stands for Nattering Housewives Register. Their reason for joining is summed up in a letter from Essex member Carol Cudger in the current newsletter, in which she writes: "Why did a wallflower like me join NHR? To gain confidence in airing my views, to broaden my horizons, to meet like-minded women, to overcome my painful shyness — in short to de-cabbage my brain!" Most members, incidentally, dismissed with contempt a serious suggestion that the NHR name be changed to the Cabbage Club.

The organization has recently been under pressure from house-husbands eager to swell the ranks. Single-parent men raising children have found themselves unwelcome by Mothers and Toddlers groups, the Young Wives and the Women's



Institute but the NHR is essentially an all-women organization, an escape from home, and — not to put too fine a point on it — often an escape from domineering men, as Drake explained.

"We are not anti-men in any way; and we'd be delighted to advise them on how to set up male groups like ours, but basically we feel that if the NHR included men then the structure of our meetings would be altered."

And she identified a further worry. "People might start fancying each other. And we do not want to become a dating agency."

Whatever name the organization decides upon, Drake says it will remain a group of ordinary women of all ages, with or without children, with or without paid jobs, who ask questions, who are interested in current issues, and who represent what is really the greatest undeveloped natural resource in the world.

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At the fag end of my tether

My 14-year-old son smokes and I can do nothing about it. If you reaction to this is of the "well I certainly wouldn't let my 14-year-old get away with it" variety, I would have felt the same, less than a year ago. Last summer, when we first discovered that Paul had begun smoking, we did not consider it too serious and thought it yet another phase of adolescence. It soon became obvious, however, from the number of matchboxes and empty cigarette packets found in his room, that he had passed beyond the occasional quick drag stage and was now smoking on a regular basis. His clothes (especially his school blazer) smelled of nicotine, and to disguise the tell-tale odour on his breath he took to cleaning his teeth at odd times during the day. We recognized that Paul had a problem and naturally we talked to him about it. No amount of discussing, reasoning, arguing and yes, sometimes shouting, on our part would make him even try to break the habit. He could not (and still cannot) offer any good reason for giving up. He quite simply had started smoking, enjoyed it and now

FIRST PERSON Valerie Relfe

was unable to stop. It was difficult to believe that, only a year before, he had been so aware of the dangers that smoking posed to health that as part of a school art project he and another boy (now also a smoker) had devised an anti-smoking game.

Our next step was to stop giving him pocket money and to pay his paper round earnings directly into his bank account, as he admitted that he used this money to buy cigarettes. At 14, he measures nearly 6 feet, and can easily pass for 16, the age at which he may legally buy and be served with cigarettes. I visited his school and was told that he had already been discovered smoking on several occasions and had been warned that the next time his parents would be notified. After a talk with the school deputy head, he again promised to try and give up, but we now find ourselves in the same situation, with the all-too-familiar smell of stale tobacco about his person — easily

detected in a house where he is the only smoker.

What can we do? In all other aspects, our son is a normal, lively teenager who enjoys family life, but who has reached the stage where he needs to be given the opportunity to share a social life with his own friends. Must we prevent him from attending any or all of the activities he enjoys — band, Scouts, the occasional disco — because someone will offer him a cigarette which he hasn't the will-power or the inclination to refuse?

As it is, any money we hand out for entrance fees or refreshments (always below the price of a packet of 10 cigarettes) is accompanied by the worry that it will not be used for its intended purpose.

We are powerless to prevent him buying cigarettes at 10p a time (or whatever the going rate) and I am becoming tired of trying to outwit him as he continues to find ways of obtaining his drug — for his smoking must now be an addiction. He is more careful now about leaving cigarette boxes and stubs lying around his room, but he can do nothing to hide a rather persistent cough he seems to have developed...

Dust to dust

The household vacuum cleaner might not be the machine of hygiene we all think it is. Indeed, a doctor from the Pacific island of Guam suggests that it could spread food poisoning. In a letter to The Lancet, Dr Robert Haddock describes how the incidence of salmonella poisoning has soared in Guam over the past 12 years. In 1973 there were only 11 cases per 100,000 of the population, but by 1985 the annual figure was 181 per 100,000.

Tests to see if the local food was responsible drew a blank, not unexpectedly because almost everything is imported from the United States. Dr Haddock turned his attention to the environment and found salmonella in four out of nine vacuum cleaner contents sampled in the homes where an infant had food poisoning. This was despite the fact that other areas of the home, such as the sink, cutting-board or refrigerator were free of the bacteria.

Vacuum cleaners are good collectors of salmonella, says Dr Haddock, and he fears that they might be good distributors too.

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deformities were far more pronounced than is normally seen with people with this condition. Instead, they suggest that Joseph Merrick suffered from Proteus syndrome. This has been only recently described and is named after the Greek god Proteus (the polymorphous). It is probably inherited, and is characterized by progressive over-growth of many tissues in the body. The doctors, who have seen a case recently in their department, say the resulting deformities (enlarged head, thickened skin and elongation of the bones) are much more akin to those suffered by Joseph Merrick than problems associated with neurofibromatosis.

Pushing iron.

Anaemia is responsible at least in part for the developmental delay so often seen in children from underprivileged areas of the Britain. A course of iron could help greatly, say doctors from the Sorrento Maternity Hospital in Birmingham. Dr Maureen Aunkett and her colleagues found that 26 per cent of children aged between 17 and 19 months screened in central Birmingham were anaemic.

In a controlled clinical trial involving 100 of these children, they showed that children given an iron mixture for two months, and in whom haemoglobin levels improved, put on more weight and developed mentally at a faster rate than those who were not. Writing in Archives of Disease in Childhood, the doctors say that, while iron deficiency anaemia is not the only factor in slower development, it is certainly one which can easily be identified by blood tests and treated.

"In our opinion a programme is needed to hunt out and treat iron deficiency in toddlers. The current child health services do not achieve this, although the incorporation of a haemoglobin screening test into the child health surveillance programme would not be difficult. The logistics of providing a few pennyworth of iron against the advantage of social disadvantage do not bear comparison."

TV lifelines

A campaign to improve public knowledge of emergency first aid will be launched at the end of the month. "Save A Life", which has the backing of the Health Education Council, Department of Health, Royal Society of Medicine and many other charitable bodies will include six BBC programmes on emergency care.

Leaflets will accompany the programmes (which go on Sunday evenings from October 12) and the organizers hope to persuade 70,000 people to attend a two-hour training course on first aid. The course will be backed by a booklet.

A survey conducted by the BBC in June showed that 97 per cent of the public felt it was important to know about emergency aid, while 84 per cent said they would watch a television series on the subject. Just over half the people interviewed claimed to have learned some first aid although most had done so by reading a booklet or leaflet. More than two-thirds of those who claimed to know something about first aid said they had put their knowledge to use.

But the survey also revealed gaps in that knowledge which the campaign hopes to correct. When asked, for example, what they would do with a bleeding arm, 45 per cent said they would apply a tourniquet above the wound. The correct course is to apply pressure to the wound and raise the arm.

Stress sensitive

Experiments by doctors at the London Hospital Medical College have confirmed suspicions that stress affects the way our bowels function and that, accordingly, people who suffer from irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) are especially sensitive to stress. Using pressure sensors in the gut, studies show that IBS sufferers develop abnormal, irregular contractions of the gut when they are under stress.

Dr David Wingate told the Eighth World Congress of Gastroenterology, held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, last week: "This irregular contraction occurred in some patients even before stress happened; three or four patients only had them at rest. Some of the subjects had symptoms of IBS, predominantly pain, and when they had them, this irregular activity was present."

Lorraine Fraser

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THE TIMES DIARY

Trawling for trouble?

Iceland is about to rub salt into old wounds at Grimsey, one of the world's biggest fishing ports until the Cod War 10 years ago.

Con brio

An international music competition in Geneva dissolved into discord when 85 world-class clarinetists took to banner-waving demonstrations over the judging.

Different hue

"This man is a disgrace to his colour", says the Mirror headline. "Insidious racist stereotyping", replies the Guardian leader writer.



I know she marries the prince, get to the bit where she gets a new hair style

Enoch's ears

Enoch Powell tells me that he is becoming hard of hearing. With his usual exactitude he explains that, strictly speaking, what changes is not hearing, but the brain's ability to distinguish between different groups of sounds.

Time span

The East London River Crossing inquiry yesterday became the longest ever into a road scheme. Environmental and residential pressure groups objecting not to the bridge, between Newham and Greenwich, but to the proposed motorway which will run through houses and an ancient woodland.

Home truth

All those Norwegians who demonstrated against Mrs Thatcher and her stand on sanctions against South Africa last week might care to take a look at their own country's record.

All of a piece

Nicholas Baker need not go naked into next month's Tory conference chamber after all. The Conservative MP for North Dorset, who, as I reported on Tuesday, lost a number of suits at a dry-cleaner which had suspended operations, has been reunited with them, thanks to a Westminster Council trading enforcement officer, David Weedon.

PHS

Shut out this Trojan horse

by Alun Chalfont

Unless its Nato partners persuade it to take urgent action, Denmark next month will hand Moscow a significant coup in its campaign of disinformation and destabilization against the West.

Then, as now, the organizers denied that the WPC was a communist front organization. But, as Clement Attlee, who was then prime minister, pointed out: "Communist activities generally are camouflaged - in this country they can usually get a few respectable but misguided people to provide the sheep's clothing."

The British government therefore refused entry visas to about 200 would-be delegates, including 80 from the Soviet Union. After a frustrated start in Sheffield, the congress moved to Warsaw, from where it could issue its ritual denunciations of the West in more congenial surroundings.

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work of 14 major international Soviet fronts, 72 lesser ones and more than 140 national "peace" committees which, in the words of E.P. Thompson, a vigorous campaigner for European nuclear disarmament, "have never throughout their whole 30-year existence flattered an eyelash against any action of Soviet militarism."

It was founded in Paris as the Parisians of Peace and held its first world congress there in April, 1949 - the very month in which Nato was established. After the Sheffield fiasco, the WPC was expelled first from Paris, where it was accused of "fifth column activities", and then Vienna. After the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 it decided to confine its set-piece congresses to East European capitals.

Denmark has been the focus for the Soviet "peace" offensive at least since 1981 when Vladimir Merkulov, a Soviet embassy official, was caught channelling

KGB funds for "nuclear-free zone" advertisements to the Co-operation Committee for Peace and Security (SAK). This is the Danish arm of the WPC and is the official convening body for the Copenhagen congress.

The international preparatory committee of 21 contains at least 15 people who are members either of the WPC or the Communist Party, or both. Its titular head is the 90-year-old Hermod Lannung, who is also being run as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize in an attempt to repeat the Soviet triumph last October.

There are signs that the people of Denmark have woken up to what is going on. On August 17 the daily Jyllands-Posten reported that Lannung had been named (as a protest to the Nobel Institute) as one of the few wartime MPs who chose to belong to the German-Danish Association, set up after the Nazi occupation in 1940.

now his wartime activities have been overshadowed by his subsequent chairmanship of the Danish-Soviet Friendship Society.

Lannung's attempts to vouch for the integrity of the forthcoming congress - which shows every sign of gross stage-management - have failed to secure the participation of the Social Democratic party, its spokesman, Lasse Rudtz MP, has declared: "There is an overwhelming majority of communists on the committee which is preparing the congress... The WPC is, as is well known, directed from Moscow, and in our work we wish to put pressure on both sides in the arms race."

Inger Saahl, a leading Danish campaigner against nuclear weapons, has also discovered that "all the international preparatory meetings are and will be controlled by the WPC... it is the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs which is holding the Congress."

Lord Chalfont is chairman of the United Kingdom Committee for the Free World.

Karan Thapar weighs Benazir Bhutto's chances as political battle resumes

Round two: Zia plays into her hands



That is as far as the story has developed. But henceforth, time and events are running against General Zia. When he arrested Miss Bhutto his government cast off its democratic clothing.

In future, even the demands of the general's regime could work in Miss Bhutto's favour. He is committed to elections in 1990 with permission for all the political parties to participate.

Under General Zia, a Punjabi and a soldier, those trends can only accelerate. It would need a Sindi or a Baluchi or a Pathan to come to power by a free and credible election to stem the rot.

Of course, he does not mean that Miss Bhutto's campaign, which resumes on Sunday, will succeed in forcing elections. Nor that she can merely sit back and wait until 1990.

George Brock

David Watt

Vote wrapped by Owen

David Owen's speech to the Social Democrats on Wednesday was one of the most important as well as one of the most accomplished he has made.

The SDP arrived in Harrogate in distinctly poor shape - divided and uncertain about its identity and sagging in the opinion polls. The row about nuclear weapons in the summer did a lot of damage, not so much because of the intrinsic importance of the issue but because it reopened all the old wounds.

This frame of mind explains some of the disaffection to be observed at the beginning of the Harrogate conference. The old merger controversy was in full cry again. No doubt a total union with the Liberals had been postponed until after the next election.

The answer, from any rational person, is "certainly not". The reality - which the public is perfectly well able to comprehend - is that the question of an "Alliance leader" is an irrelevance. If the two parties perform exceptionally well and are able to form a government, then the leader of the party with the most seats (almost certainly David Steel) becomes prime minister.

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moreover... Miles Kington

The seven ages of person

I was very interested to read about the book circulated by the Inner London Education Authority, Jennie Lives with Eric and Martin, about a girl who lives with two homosexual men who bring her up as their child.

I find that you do not really have to change Shakespeare's plots very much to bring them in line with modern thinking on sexism, racism, agism, etc.

● Othello and Iago Straighten Desdemona Out. Othello and Iago are a perfectly matched pair; he is black and a guy, he is white and a guy.

● Dick's Bad Back. Even when you're King Richard III of England, a congenital ailment may cause you depression, nervousness and a breakdown.

● Nothing for Hamlet to Do. Even in a supposedly advanced country like Denmark, youth at all levels can become frustrated by unemployment. Young Hamlet is typical of thousands: a good education, brought up to have expectations, and then condemned to a life of idleness because the government simply won't put people before profits.

given to Dick Taverne when he introduced his tax proposals. The remarkable spectacle of this middle-class audience cheering to the echo a scheme which was calculated to hit their own pockets in order to relieve poverty says something about the SDP's present state of mind.

It seems that he has received it. I imagine he must have had considerable doubts about the plan. And any practical politician would inevitably shelve them. It is a risky business to propose radical tax reforms at the best of times.

Why, then, has Owen bought and backed the package? For one thing there remains, contrary to all the stories, a strong idealistic strain in his own personality. For another, he probably judged that he had to. If he had disowned the scheme and stuck in his toes, as he did on the Polish issue, he would have been dangerously out of step with his followers and the muttering about his leadership would have increased, along with pressure for new Alliance gimmicks before the election and immediate merger after it.

The most interesting motive, however, was displayed in his speech; he spotted the political possibilities of the idea and proceeded to give an impressive demonstration of how to exploit them. The picture of a tax scheme designed primarily to relieve poverty was subtly changed to a reform whose first objective is modernization.

with a stabbing incident and sees his relationship with Ophelia go wrong. With a caring government, none of this need have happened. We must get the Tories out.

● Mrs Macbeth Goes Round The Bend. From the male point of view, Macbeth is a fairly banal and, let's face it, boring story of politics and big bad business. But told from Macbeth's wife's point of view it becomes a poignant story of the housewife shut up in the castle all day long without real responsibility or job prospects.

● Brutus and Cassius Gang Up on Julius. When one man decides to take power into his hands, instead of following the democratic process, is it all right for the others to vote by a majority to kill him?

● Old Man Lear Gets a Rough Deal From His Daughters. When you're old and not really able to look after yourself any more, our society tends to bundle folk off into homes and forget about them. But couldn't one of you look after Dad in his declining years? This play tells just one OAP's story, and implants a seed in every girl's heart. And boy's, of course.

● Poor Old Shylock. He is a Jewish businessman who has got a racist, fascist deal from the business community. She is a female barrister who has battled against all the male chauvinist attitudes of the filthy legal system. Do they meet in court and fall desperately in love, as two victims of injustice? Wait and see!

● The Caliban Liberation Front Story. A Caribbean island... a right-wing dictator... the people's leader, Caliban... the CIA agent, Ariel... it's a familiar story all right, but there's a new twist this time when US agents land in an attempt to burn down the island's opium crop.

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MR HATTERSLEY'S RABBIT

Before the Labour Party's national executive approved its policy document for this year's party conference, Mr Roy Hattersley warned the shadow cabinet's strategy meeting that "committing the party to going specific things at specific cost at specific times" would not improve its electoral prospects. His main target was Mr Michael Meacher, the shadow social services secretary. Mr Meacher had been promoting a plan which, apart from more pensions and child benefit, encompassed everything from a comprehensive new disability allowance to a restored death grant. Mr Hattersley won.

Yesterday, when Mr Hattersley gave the party's tax and social security policy a public outing, the disability benefit and most other benefit reforms were pushed back to the status of an agenda for action that is unlikely to be reached — except in canvassing on the voter's doorstep.

Instead, he offered the plain fare of traditional extra spending commitments: higher pensions and higher child benefit. Only the extension of the long-term rate of social security benefits, to those still unemployed after more than a year, remains in the first stage proposals. These are the proposals Labour claims can be financed by soaking only the top 5 per cent of earners.

The main object is to portray Labour's policy as practical and credible (and costless to the overwhelming majority of taxpayers) in contrast to the Social Democratic Party's

complex and thoroughgoing reform of the tax and social security system, which Dr Owen manfully tried to rescue from misunderstanding on Wednesday. The contrast is indeed instructive.

Dr Owen's comprehensive plan was estimated to have a gross annual cost of £4.3 billion, most of which would come from the reform of allowances and integration of employees' national insurance contributions into income tax. As a result, it appeared that some married couples with an income of £16,000 might lose from the reforms.

Labour's first stage appears to cost roughly the same and yet only those with a single income above £27,000 would suffer. And yet, tax rates at the old maximum of 83 per cent (98 per cent for investment income) will not return.

It is not clear exactly how or when Labour will phase out the married man's allowance — the proceeds presumably going to higher individual allowances — and abolish the upper earnings limit on national insurance contributions. Somehow, the sums do not appear to add up unless Mr Hattersley is looking for unrealistically high returns from capital taxes.

The greater contrast, however, is in the value for money of the two proposals. For its gross £4.3 billion, the SDP aims to achieve a full restructuring of benefits to give better and simpler support to more poor families in or out of work. It would cut swathes through the old social security bureaucracy and sepa-

rate means testing. The integrated tax and benefit system should also reduce that great disincentive, the poverty trap, to the minimum that can be achieved in a welfare state. And the SDP even appears to offer a higher child benefit to the needy because the benefit is taxable in the hands of families with two earners.

Labour's first stage proposals do none of these things. Yet they contain the same structural drawback: abolishing the married man's allowance without substituting the transferable allowance proposed by the Government to aid families where one spouse stays at home.

The poor value for money under Labour's plans compared to the SDP's is easily explained. Labour has emphasized universal benefits whereas the SDP, like the Government's less than ambitious reform, concentrates on targeting the help where it is needed.

The SDP has at least grasped the nettle that a comprehensive attack on poverty through the welfare system, rather than through enterprise, requires some contribution from those who are only modestly affluent. Labour is still trying to pretend that the poor can be relieved by the rich. That ought to help Dr Owen in his task. It must also invite the question that, if the rich have already been soaked to provide Labour's quick boost to universal benefits, who would pay for the rest of its burgeoning spending programme?

TOUCHÉ

The US State Department's decision to expel 25 named Soviet diplomats at the United Nations is bound to lower the already frigid temperature of superpower relations still further and push the promised Reagan-Gorbachev summit into the even more distant future. If this is what it was calculated to do as the next response to the case of Nicholas Daniloff, then it may be considered something of a diplomatic masterstroke from a strong-arm administration.

It is a measure to which the Kremlin has no direct response: the Soviet Union accommodates no international organization comparable to the United Nations. Its timing, just as the Soviet Foreign Minister arrived in New York, was likely to unnervingly the Soviet side to the maximum degree. And there is the option of raising the stakes higher. In March the US had insisted that the Soviet mission to the UN be reduced from 275 to 170. The 25 expulsions just announced leave another 80 to go.

Yet doubts remain about the coherence of either the American or the Soviet policy in the weeks running up to what looks increasingly like a phantom summit. Announcing the expulsions, the State Department spokesman insisted that they were not connected with the arrest in Moscow of Daniloff. They were, he said, merely the logical consequence of the Soviet Union's failure to reduce its UN staff earlier.

If that is true, and the

United States really wants the summit, then the timing of the announcement could scarcely have been less fortunate. If it is untrue, or merely a diplomatic half-truth, then the American side appears to have lost an opportunity to counter publicly the impression of weakness it created by agreeing to the simultaneous release from prison of Daniloff and the Soviet scientist, Zakharov.

Expulsions are a time-honoured way of expressing disapproval of another state's conduct. Their use would not have been inappropriate in this case, so why be reticent about the motive? If that reticence reflects the need of the administration simultaneously to placate hawks who want no compromise over Daniloff (and forget the summit), and those who hesitate before allowing the treatment of an individual, however unjust, to interfere with state-to-state relations, then it is time for a thorough assessment of priorities in Washington. Otherwise, the wires of US-Soviet relations threaten to become even more hopelessly tangled than they already are.

But the apparent incoherence of US policy in the wake of the Daniloff affair is as nothing compared with the conflicting signals emanating from the Kremlin. Moscow's response to President Reagan's personal intervention on behalf of Daniloff was to bring formal charges of spying against him. Mr Gorbachev meanwhile was eschewing all

public comment on the question, insisting instead that he was entirely in favour of the planned summit meeting — so long, that is, as it produced a result, in the form of an arms control agreement, that he could take back to Moscow.

Soviet officials and commentators have seemed uncertain from whom they should take their cue. There has been pre-summit optimism and pessimism in equal measure. But they all agree that responsibility for the final decision lies in Washington, by which they mean that the United States should capitulate — whether on Zakharov or on a nuclear test ban is not entirely clear.

Moscow is right to say that the solution to the present superpower impasse lies in Washington, but only because it is still Washington that holds the initiative. Zakharov is still technically under arrest (though that advantage was reduced somewhat when the Daniloff equation was conceded). The ceiling on Soviet UN diplomats still stands, and the arms control cards are all in US hands.

If the principle that the individual is as important as the collective is to be upheld, as it should be, then a modicum of movement on arms control might provide a more fruitful area for a summit-saving compromise than the case of Nicholas Daniloff. What the United States has to decide is whether a summit in present circumstances is worth even so modest a concession.

THE KINROSS DISASTER

To judge from the still sketchy accounts of the Kinross mining disaster in South Africa in which at least 182 miners died, there are grounds for at least suspecting that mismanagement, lax safety standards and inadequate training of miners and supervisors were among the causes of the tragedy. Given such suspicions (which were subsequently fostered by the secretive attitude of the Kinross mine management) and given that only 5 of the 182 miners killed were white, it would not have been surprising if many people had instantly drawn the conclusion that the dead were the victims of a racial callousness encouraged by apartheid.

Yet few people have, in fact, drawn large general conclusions about South Africa from the disaster. When lives are lost in a natural disaster which no-one intended, the normal human reaction is to forget political or other disputes and to emphasise our common humanity. It seems in bad taste to seek political capital from 182 deaths.

Another may be that external critics have been guided by Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, the general secretary of South

Africa's National Union of Mineworkers, a black union legally recognised in 1983. Mr Ramaphosa has, indeed, been sharply critical. For the moment, however, his criticism has been directed at the company and the events which led up to the accident rather than at the surrounding social and political environment.

That emphasis is surely right — for the moment. The initial task of the judicial inquiry established by the South African government must be to discover exactly what happened at Kinross.

The underground fire seems to have been started when a welding accident set alight polyurethane foam lining which then gave off toxic gas. Why was a toxic and inflammable substance used as lining in such a confined space? Was it simple negligence? Or did cost enter into it? Or what?

It is reported that there was no fire extinguisher at the site of the welding operation? Was this because the company's safety rules were inadequate on this point?

It is likely, of course, that the inquiry's attempts to answer these specific questions will lead it to investigate wider

issues. At least 66 of the dead, for instance, are reported to be foreign workers from Lesotho and Mozambique. Are these migrant workers literate? If not, are special measures taken to ensure that they understand emergency safety precautions?

Then, job reservation in mining has broken down in practice (though white miners still earn about five times as much as blacks.) This means that mining companies have an economic incentive to put blacks in supervisory positions. Have they given new black supervisors adequate training in health and safety measures?

The South African Chamber of Mines, finally, claims a greatly improved record of safety in recent years. According to its figures, fatality rates in gold mining, which takes place at extreme depths and at high temperatures, have dropped below 1.03 per thousand; compared to the US coal mining rate of 0.61 per thousand. But the Mineworkers dispute some of these figures.

Indeed, because the inquiry will be looking at the industry that underpins apartheid, it will tell us much about South Africa.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wider issues of visa restrictions

From Mr R. K. D. Shah
Sir, Let it be thought that informed or responsible opinion within the ethnic communities of Britain is against immigration control then nothing could be further from the truth. Indeed the need for such control, albeit subject to proper safeguards, is widely recognized.

The question of visa restrictions for nationals of India and four other Asian and African countries is not, however, primarily about immigration. It raises certain wider or fundamental issues. For example, the right of people settled here to be visited by their kin and kin is likely to be seriously affected by the new measures, in as much as there are bound to be delays and frustrations experienced at British consular posts in those countries.

More importantly, there is also bound to be an adverse effect on the contribution, not readily appreciated, to our economy made by such visitors. Even "Third World" travellers have a tourist value in terms of expenditure on transportation, shopping, hotels and amenities, not to speak of other actual or potential benefits they bring to this country.

The use in this connection of such language as "thousands of Nigerians or Indians running amok on the streets in their anxiety to acquire a British visa" (Kate Finch's feature article, September 15) merely lends support to the suspicion that the Government is as much motivated by the latent racism which pervades all levels of our society as are those who write off with contempt the numerous but unwelcome visitors to these shores from the poorer countries of the world.

Yours truly,
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Mitcham, Surrey,
September 15.

Clergy stipends over the top

From the Rev Mark L. Hill-Tout
Sir, I recently received notification of my stipend increase for 1987, I am dismayed. The increase is £600, from £7,400 to £8,000, a rise of 8.2 per cent. With this notification came also a warning that clergy may soon be crossing the "higher threshold" for tax purposes.

The Central Stipend Authority, a branch of the Church Commissioners, is raising the level of stipends in the Church of England to such a degree as to seriously jeopardise the credibility and integrity of parish clergy amongst the poor, the unemployed, the young, the old and the disadvantaged.

The reason for the increase above the rate of inflation is, we are told, to compensate for the decline in stipends in the early 1970s. In my view, over the last three or four years this decline has been well halted by the benefits of the lump sum payments on retirement, the substantial financial help with buying a home, together with a great increase in pensions, which in their own way compensate for that earlier decline in the value of stipends.

That is not the end, for we also enjoy well-nigh absolute security of job and a free house (which has been variously valued at equivalent to £3,000 — £5,000 extra per annum), in addition to our annually increasing stipend.

My diocese pays its clergy at nearly the lowest level in the Church of England. I am glad about this as far as it goes, but most dioceses are paying their clergy far more. To do so will not attract men with the right motivation, nor will these increases help to alleviate the considerable quota problems for our laity.

Your readers will be aware that on average 86 per cent of the quota (money calculated on income or potential sent direct to the diocese from every parish) is directly related to the clergy stipend and housing. If the CSA pays these unnecessarily high stipends, we are adding directly to the financial burdens of our parishioners which are considerable in many inner city parishes, as well as rural parishes.

I would appeal to the CSA to reduce the rate of increase in 1987 to at most the rate of inflation. We don't need these rises (and I say that as one with two children and a mortgage), and these rises are not in the interests of our pastoral care of, and integrity amongst, our parishioners; if they continue we shall be in danger of losing touch with many of the people of our parishes.

Yours faithfully,
MARK L. HILL-TOUT,
The Rectory,
Horsted Keynes,
Haywards Heath, West Sussex,
September 10.

British Library

From Mr A. R. A. Hobson
Sir, I sometimes wonder what Lord Thomas and the other eminent signatories of his letter (September 5) read in the British Library. Their experiences must be different from mine.

On September 4 I went there to consult 11 books for which I had lodged tickets on a special visit the day before. Of the 11 I received eight. One had been missing and replaced since 1970; two were stored at Woolwich and had not arrived. Of those I was given one lacked volume 2 and another volume 1. Another had the upper cover off and was tied together with tape.

Is this what Lord Thomas calls "service to scholars"? At least when all the holdings are together in one building one might hope that books would be delivered in less than 24 hours.

Academic boycott

From Mr J. G. Watson
Sir, Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien's welcome condemnation of the academic boycott of South African scholars (September 6) is rather unfair in assuming that the Association of University Teachers is totally agreed on the boycott.

So widespread are differences of opinion that not only have many disavowed members considered resigning (and, regrettably, sometimes done so), but the Executive Committee — of which I am a member — commissioned the World University Service to produce a study of South African universities.

The report, *Divided Campus: Universities in South Africa*, published in May, throws a very

Drivers at risk

From Mr Pierre Tester
Sir, If answering the telephone in a car on the motorway can be classed as driving without due care and attention, may we please have some guidelines as to what else places a driver at risk.

How about smoking, dropping the burning end down the side of the seat, filling a pipe, drinking hot coffee, necking, cleaning your glasses, or having the stereo so loud you cannot hear the fire engine trying to get by?

There are, of course, other hazards, like helping your wife out of her fur coat, because the car is too hot, without removing her seat belt, dealing swiftly with a child who has car sickness, looking at a map because your wife said she knew the way like the back of her hand, but seemingly was wearing gloves, or trying to dislodge an oversize Labrador from licking the back of your neck.

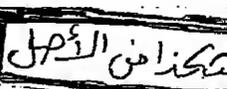
I understand that I cannot use the hard shoulder except in an emergency. Do any of these qualify please?

Yours faithfully,
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Cowfold,
Horsham, West Sussex.

Twinning towns

From Mr R. J. Wade, RE (ret'd)
Sir, Many British towns now advertise their twinning with continental cousins, usually in France or West Germany. How much more rewarding it might be if they could twin with places in the Third World, which could teach us so much of the forgotten philosophies of family togetherness, self-discipline, cheerfulness, courtesy, and optimism in exchange for the technical assistance and everyday necessities of which we have so much and they so little.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES WADE,
9 Catherine Close,
Shrivenham,
Swindon, Wiltshire.



ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 19 1938

During 1938 and 1939 a series of articles appeared on the Court Page in which the activities of a comfortable, upper middle-class family were mused over by the lady of the household — Mrs Miniver. The author was Mrs Struther (1901-63), later Mrs A. K. Pleck. The articles acquired considerable popularity; post-war generations might find them rather cloying. An "Oscar" winning film was made, and even the critics of Mrs Miniver had to admit that she was readable as played by Greer Garson.

BACK TO LONDON

THE MINIVERS' AUTUMN FLIT

FROM A CORRESPONDENT
"Where on earth is Vin?" asked Mrs. Miniver. The car was standing at the door of Startings, ready to take them back to London. The luggage-boot was filled to overflowing with the well-known paraphernalia of a nursery film: even Clem's genius for stacking had been unable to make it look like anything but a cubian cornucopia. Clem was in the driving seat; Nannie was at the back, with Toby on her knee and Judy sitting close up beside her to make room for Vin. But Vin himself was nowhere to be seen.

"Wretched boy," said Clem amiably. "I told him what time we were starting."
"He went off on his bike directly after breakfast," said Judy. "To fetch his knife. He left it over at Pound Mill yesterday when he was fishing."
"He may have come in through the garden door," said his mother. "Mrs. Downce, you might go and see if he's in the kitchen, and I'll try the schoolroom."
The schoolroom was empty, but around it, like a line of salt wrack, lay unmistakable traces of the children. As they grew older, the footprints of the boys, without diminishing in quantity, changed a little in character. There were fewer stonies and pieces of wood, though Toby still collected flints with holes through them and sticks which had been spirally grooved by honeysuckle. On the other hand there were now things like empty cartridge-cases (spent by Vin on rabbits and retrieved by Toby for use in a vast chess-like game which he played, by himself, on the squares of the schoolroom linoleum); and on the edge of the window-sill lay some bright shreds of wool, silk, and tinsel, some broken feathers, and the clamp-marks of a small vice...

Of Judy the traces were less conspicuous: her activities were mostly personal and required little gear. But just occasionally she too was bitten with the boys' mania for making things, and when that happened she got it badly. A few days ago, someone had described in the "Children's Hour" how to make a reed-rop out of a jointed wheat-stalk, or, failing that, out of a drinking straw with a blob of sealing wax at one end. The farms immediately round Startings were all pasture and hops; so she begged a packet of straws from Mrs. Downce and used up every one of them. To make the vibrating tongue was fairly easy, but to space the six finger-bows so as to get a soft scale proved to be a matter of trial and error, exasperating to herself and exasperating to her hearers. She cut her left hand and burnt her right one. The floor became littered with small square chips of straw; there was one now, lurking under the table...

As it happened, that day had been for the grown-ups one of great tension and anxiety, with the threat of war hanging like a laden nimbus in the air. And Mrs. Miniver had done a curious comfort from watching Judy's small intent face, bent hour after hour over her delicate and absorbing task. International tensions might flame or cool, the turning kaleidoscope of time might throw mankind's little coloured scraps of belief into new patterns, new ideologies; but the length of the vibrating column of air which, in a tube of a given calibre, would produce C natural — that was one of the fixed things...

She went back to the car, and at the same moment Vin appeared from the direction of the bicycle-shed, very much out of breath. "Sorry," he said shortly, and scrambled into place beside Judy. Mrs. Miniver got in too. The car moved off through winding lanes towards the arterial road. It was certainly a heartbreaking day on which to leave the country. It was warm and yet fresh; blindingly, one could have mistaken it for a morning in early May; but this kind of day, she reflected, has a more poignant reflection in autumn than in spring, because it is a receding football, a waning moon. From the row of fires in front of the hop-pickers' huts the smoke rose blue and pungent. The hops were nearly all in, the stripped bines lay tumbled and tangled on the ground. One campaign at least, thought Mrs. Miniver, was over without bloodshed.

With doctors insisting that St Thomas' is not a district hospital and administrators insisting that its resources should be calculated by reference to the population of West Lambeth, the people of West Lambeth are left inadequately served.

Limiting St Thomas's resources to the amount justified by the number of people living in West Lambeth involves depriving the patients from outside the district of the opportunity to choose St Thomas', or alternatively depriving the people of West Lambeth of an adequate health service. Diverting resources from popular hospitals to less well-funded areas does not have the effect of diverting the patients.

Yours faithfully,
JOYCE RADON,
Flat 7,
188 Kennington Lane, SE11.

Heads or tails

From Mr Cyril Ray
Sir, The answer to Mr Simoo Gray's question (September 13) on which side of his Bath Oliver he should spread the butter when, at the end of the meal, he comes to the cheese is — neither.

No one who cares about the taste and the texture of cheese allows his appreciation of them to be confused by the taste and the texture of butter. This, indeed, is why the Bath Oliver (best of all biscuits for cheese — save the American Bremner Wafer) since the lamented demise of the Romary — is made austere dry.

Yours faithfully,
CYRIL RAY,
Brooks's,
St James's Street, SW1.

Pool business

From Mr C. M. Fogg
Sir, On a recent business visit to Kuala Lumpur I took a rest by the hotel swimming pool.

A Japanese businessman in the pool swam over to the side where I was sitting and started a conversation. As soon as we reached some points of mutual interest he reached into a pocket of his swimming trunks and passed me a waterproof business card.

What chance have we got against such competition in the export market for cheese?

Yours faithfully,
C. M. FOGG,
Arrow Projects Consultants Ltd,
7 Dorset Road, SW19,
September 12.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 19: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips...

(Governor, Mr P. Buxton), where Her Royal Highness opened the new Prison Staff Club and Mess...

anti-Commander Richard Aylard, RN was in attendance, September 18: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.C. Bartholomew and Miss F.J. Young
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Major J.S. Bartholomew...

Captain L.A.J. Condie and Miss V.K. Gossley
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs I.P. Condie...

Mr J. Heller and Miss V.J. Humphries
The engagement is announced between Joseph Heller, of Brooklyn, New York...

Mr M.G. Jackson and Miss K.L.D. Solloway

The engagement is announced between Michael Geoffrey, son of Captain and Mrs G.R. Jackson...

Lieutenant D.L.H. Livingstone, RN, and Miss J.A. Morgan

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Harry Livingstone...

Mr D.P. Fyfe and Miss M.B. Rose

The engagement is announced between Daniel Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Fyfe...

Mr W.K. Jett and Miss C.M. Dalglish

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr Peter Jett, of Herfordshire...

Mr A.S. MacFarlane and Miss P.A. Rafter

The engagement is announced between Anthony Stuart, second son of the late Mr J.L.S. MacFarlane...

Mr J.B. Innes and Miss S.G. Parker

The engagement is announced between James Brown, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Innes...

Mr A.P. Levy and Miss D.J. Goldstau

The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of the late Mr L.O. Levy...

Major C.L.M. Notley and Miss A.J.L. Biggs

The engagement is announced between Christopher John Marwood Notley, The Light Infantry...

Mr G.W. Ingram and Miss C.A. Baer

The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of the late Mr G.W. Ingram...

Science report

Deers' antlers show lead pollution

The exclusive club of so-called "biological indicators" of pollution may have a new member, the roe deer.

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

Antlers were collected from two areas: Garpenberg, a mining area in central Sweden, and Bogesund, about 10,000 acres of forest and cultivated fields...

Bogesund. But the lead concentrations in both series of roe deer antlers show a sharp drop over the study period.

If the average value for the Bogesund material in 1968-1974 is set at 100, the corresponding figure for 1980-1983 is 36. Lead has thus dropped by two thirds. The reduction is not quite so spectacular in the Garpenberg material...

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM
24 x 11 in 15% VAT (minimum 3 lines)

HANBURY - On September 16th, 1986, in Perth, Western Australia, P.J.K. died, a daughter, Amelia, aged 67 years...

ALEXANDER - On September 16th, 1986, peacefully at home, Margaret, aged 87 years, much loved wife of James Alexander...

DEATHS

ASHWORTH - On September 17th, in Dorset after a short illness, Richard Arthur, aged 84 years of Shepperton College, Norfolk...

BIRTHS

ALLARD - On September 11th, to Sarah the first daughter, and Simon, a second son, Jonathan James.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MR FRANCIS HAMPREY POTTS, QC, aged 55, Mr Richard George Rogers, QC, aged 54, and Mr Ian Alexander Kennedy, QC, aged 56...



King Hussein of Jordan and Queen Noor on their visit to the Southampton Boat Show yesterday.

Marriages

The Hon D.J. Windsor Clive and Miss C.J. Squire
The marriage took place yesterday at St Peter's, Eaton Square, of the Hon David Justin Windsor Clive...

Birthdays today

Courtesy Beauchamp, 91; Mr T.J.A. Colman, 57; Mr Justin Dulke, 45; Mr Michael Ephick, 40; Mr William Golding, 75; Mr Robert H.R. Gough, 81; Mr Jeremy Irons, 38; Mr David MacCallum, 55; the Very Rev Dr Fraser McLuskey, 72; the Countess of Mar, 46; the Earl of March and Kinara, 57; Mrs Penelope Morrison, 68; Mr Peter Murray, 58; Mr Derek Nimmo, 53; Dr A.M. Penderleith, 88; Miss Zandra Rhodes, 46; Professor Sir Geoffrey Stanley, 64; Lieutenant Colonel W.R. Swan, 72; Mr C.J. White, 56; Sir Leonard Williams, 67; Dr Arthur Willis, 60; Judge Harold Wilson, 55.

Luncheons

Master Mariners' Company
Captain P.D.F. Cruickshank, Master of the Master Mariners' Company, presided at a luncheon held on board HMS Wellington, yesterday.

Dinner

H.M. Government
The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, was host at a dinner held at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of Mr Zhang Aiping, Chinese Minister of Defence.

Reception

Commonwealth Jewish Council
The Lord Mayor presented the annual award of the Commonwealth Jewish Council to Mr and Mrs Abe Galan at a reception held at the Mansion House yesterday evening.

Service dinner

TA & VRA for Greater London
Colonel G.S.P. Carden presided at a dinner given by the Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for Greater London at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, last night.

Appointments

Mr Maurice Healy, deputy director of the National Consumer Council, who is to be its director from January 1, 1987.

Archaeology
Knowth art link to planned scheme

By Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

Further investigations at the great prehistoric tomb of Knowth, in eastern Ireland have resulted in the discovery of more examples of megalithic art dating back some five thousand years.

The new discoveries are incised patterns, much less easily visible than the deeply-pecked grooves which form most of the art at Knowth, but using many of the same angular and curvilinear patterns.

The discoveries have been made in the eastern of the two great stone chambers that lie within the huge mound at Knowth, a short distance from the famous and similar tomb of Newgrange, near Drogheda.

The newly discovered incised art occurs occasionally on the same stones as the well-known pecked designs, but often on stones, hitherto thought to be undecorated. Zigzags, lozenges and other angular motifs have been recorded, but not the spirals which are one of the hallmarks of west European megalithic art, and which are found on pecked stones.

Professor Eogan said that four types of art could now be recognized at Knowth: the incised, loosely spaced peckings, forming no definite designs, angular designs such as chevrons and lozenges, and curvilinear and rectilinear designs of concentric lines and spirals. All of the art dates to about 2,500-3,000 BC.

OBITUARY
PROFESSOR FRANK BRADY

Editor and biographer of Boswell

Professor Frank Brady, who made a notable contribution to Boswell studies, as both editor and biographer, died on September 2, after a short illness. He was 61.

From the time of his graduate work at Yale University he had been associated with the "Boswell Factory" there, and in collaboration with Professor F. A. Pottle, edited two volumes of Boswell's journals: Boswell on the Grand Tour (1955) and Boswell in Search of a Wife (1957).

These were followed by an important specialist study, Boswell's Political Career, published in 1965. By this time Brady had started work with Pottle on a sequel to the latter's Boswell, the Earlier Years.

In the event, the senior collaborator had to withdraw owing to pressure of other work, and James Boswell, the Later Years was eventually published in 1984 under Brady's name alone.

Even with (perhaps especially with) such a wealth of documentation, it was not an easy assignment, but Brady produced, in 600 pages, an authoritative volume that is a fitting counterpart to Pottle's coverage of the earlier years, though, as biography, somewhat lacking in dramatic power and psychological insight.

Brady's academic career, which started at Yale, lay mainly in the City University of New York, where he held a chair from 1957 and was recently made Distinguished Professor.

His interests extended to modern critical theory, and he edited several textbooks, but it is for his Boswellian contribution that he will be remembered.

He had since 1979 been chairman of the editorial committee of the Yale Editions of the private papers of James Boswell, and the progress of that massive editorial task owed much to his active encouragement.

A large, tall man, with a genial personality, he was always ready to give assistance to younger scholars. He was unmarried.

GENERAL A. J. W. WIJTING

General Alexander Johannes Wilhelm Wijting, who was Chief of the Netherlands Defence Staff from 1976 to 1980, died recently after a short illness. He was 61.

In 1942, when he was 16, he escaped from a truck that was taking him to a labour camp in Germany, and eventually arrived in Britain by way of Portugal.

Being tall for his age he was able to pass himself off as old enough to join the RAF, and he soon became a fighter pilot, taking part in a number of important long-range missions, including attacks on the Gestapo headquarters in Copenhagen and the V-weapon establishment at Peenemünde.

After the war his professional advancement in the Netherlands was rapid. In the 1960s he became Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, and in the 1970s he completed his progress to the top, as head of his country's combined forces.

He often visited Britain and kept in touch with old RAF friends. But his services to Allied cause, and to Britain in particular, were of a high level. Though he received high honours from many countries - for instance, the French Legion of Honour and the US Legion of Merit - from the British state he received only campaign medals.

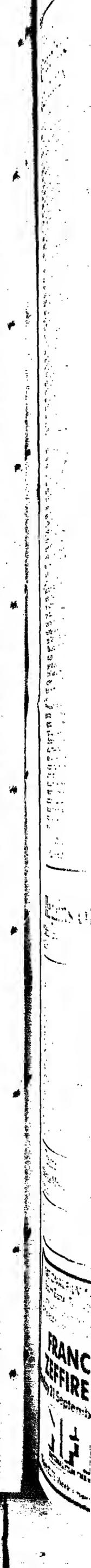
He enjoyed the confidence of the Dutch royal family, and it was partly at his suggestion that the Dutch Crown Prince attended Atlantic College in South Wales.

His English wife, formerly Margaret E. Lyle-Stewart, survives him with their son and daughter.

DR CHARLOTTE WOLFF

Dr Charlotte Wolff, a German-born psychiatrist who published many books about bi- and homosexuality, died in London on September 12, aged 88.

She was born on September 30, 1897, in the part of Germany, near Danzig, which is now Poland, and she studied philosophy and medicine in Berlin. After qualifying she worked in Berlin in a family planning clinic. Being Jewish she soon suffered from the prevailing anti-Semitism, and was arrested as a spy; but she escaped to France.



THE ARTS

Television
Graphic equality

Watching those dewy-eyed funny men Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones, one may fall about laughing only to rise with the sense one has been pushed. The punch packed by *Alas Smith and Jones* (BBC2) depends on a mixture of smut, halitosis, rampant bad taste and the facial expressions of an electrified donkey. Not for the programme's 22 script-writers that subtle domestic interplay between a Marmite and a Wise, a Corbett and a Barker.

What prevents these two from a genuine comic relationship is the knowledge that they are ever so superior to the characters they sketch. Both play parts which involve crossing a mongoloid throwback with a know-it-all hybrid in vigorous need of a mate if it is to survive another series.

The funniest sequences involved the pair of them presenting a new hi-fi system to their salesmen and trying to explain the proliferation of buttons. Asked what a graphic equalizer actually did, Mel Smith gave the glorious improvisation that in the event of the graphics falling behind at any time it would enable them to catch up and be equal.

This obfuscating jargon was the target of Michael Blackstad's timely programme *When They Tell You a Computer* (Channel 4), which must have been appreciated by anyone who has had to wade through a word-processor manual. Apart from verbal shorthand, the use of expressions like flip-flop toggle switches, bit-mapped wimps and bundled mouse controllers is to help computer salesmen identify suckers who do not have a clue what they are on about.

Having locked the small businessman (amusingly played by Stephen Fry) into the system he first thought of, these men — who invariably have the blue faces of meat which has hung too long — are then likely to abandon him. The salesmen in this lucrative industry — "I believe it's people generally by cowboys", said one expert — will support you, but once they have your cheque, only to the door.

The second half dropped off a bit and Blackstad missed an opportunity to get some amusing mileage out of a high-street salesman. But there were trenchant contributions from Eddie Shah — whose own computer was plugged into the air-conditioning units with a devastating effect — and a man who had turned his £400,000 computer into a cocktail cabinet because four years on, such be the pace of change, it was only worth £50.

Nicholas Shakespeare

Cinema: new releases in London

Adrift in the urban dreamworld

Trouble in Mind (15)
Cannon Oxford Street

Captive (18)
Cannon Haymarket

Dust (18)
ICA

F/X — Murder by Illusion (15)
Leicester Square Theatre

Poltergeist II: The Other Side (15)
Plaza

Fresh out of gaol after 2,842 days, a former cop called Hawk (Kris Kristofferson) returns to Rain City in search of a woman and a job. With a marvellous economy, the images almost as monosyllabic as the words, Alan Rudolph's sparkling new, smokily familiar, film *Trouble in Mind* begins like a Runyonesque version of a Jim Thompson novel, peopled with such names as Coop, Solo, Nate and Spike.

One look at the former cop, gaunt and angular of hat, beard and body, and we can guess at least the first meaning of Rudolph's title. It ought, of course, to be a story about the blues — and so it is, in mood and colour. But Rudolph's blues, evolved through seven films in as many years, cover a wide spectrum: their musical equivalent is as much in Marianne Faithfull's parched agony as in Jimmy Witherspoon's plaintive resilience, and the film's soundtrack obligingly gives us both.

Rain City, compiled mostly from Seattle, is on the borders of an absurd future and a derelict past, its atmosphere heavy with emergency. Soldiers parade the streets recruiting for imminent conflict, while protesters at some unknown crisis are violently dispersed. At first just odd, slightly off-key, the hints of a parodied alternate universe gradually become dominant, unsettlingly fashioned from punk, fifties rock, and Forties noir.

Adrift in this milieu, Hawk uses what vestigial influence he can to rescue a young innocent (Lori Singer) and to knock some sense into her hoodlum partner (Keith Carradine) who pursues a career of escalating crime in increasingly bizarre make-up. The troubles build to an orgy of slapsick slaughter in the mansion of underworld boss Hilly Blue (played straight, with evident delight, by the female impersonator Divine), after which Hawk has nowhere to go but the sunset.

Complete with hard-boiled one-liners that could have been lifted from Kristofferson ballads or spoken by Wayne or Bogart or Claire Trevor ("Gotta be nice to your friends — without 'em you're a perfect stranger"), and delivered with light mockery by a cast you can take seriously or not, it is fun: either way, *Trouble in Mind* makes easy listening.

There is also more than a touch of



At home in Rain City: Kris Kristofferson and Lori Singer in *Trouble in Mind*

the fantasy thriller about *Captive*, which represents the debut as director of the film critic Paul Mayersberg. It is a kind of fairy-tale derived from the Patty Hearst story: the daughter (Irina Brook) of a multi-millionaire (Oliver Reed) is kidnapped by a trio of young idealists — a princess rescued from an ivory tower — and brainwashed into sharing their contempt for a life of luxury. She is persuaded to discard all previous guilts and allegiances (the darling of her father, she is convinced she caused her mother's death), and becomes a gunslinging member of the gang until the police eventually catch up with them.

As with his script for *Eureka* which, after telling one story, calmly embarked on another, Mayersberg then proceeds to explore his heroine's rehabilitation. A princess awakened (she has even pricked herself on a rose at one point), she begins to recognize that she has been everybody's property but her own and, tired of playing Madam Butterfly, reaches towards the dawn of independence.

This process of enlightenment can be retrospectively seen as the purpose of Mayersberg's other screenplays: both *Eureka* and *Man Who Fell to Earth* deal similarly with the irrelevance of incalculable wealth except as a context for liberation. And Mayersberg directs with enough elegance to transcend the slight clumsiness of his attractive but inexperienced young cast (by contrast, Oliver Reed's restrained performance is a welcome strength). The film is a challenge, but a rewarding one.

The theme of paternal tyranny reappears, in the guise of Trevor Howard, in this week's third un-

conventional movie, *Dust*, adapted by the Belgian actress Marion Hansel from J.M. Coetzee's novel *In the Heart of the Country*. Living on a remote South African farm, father uses daughter (Jane Birkin) like a mental and fails to notice the unstable consequences of his neglect until she reaches for a shotgun. Coetzee's text, a mesmerizing combination of Deftoe and Malraux, is like an apocalyptic testament, every paragraph numbered. Instead of quoting it wholesale, which must have been a temptation, Hansel does an admirable job of converting words to images, the rough farm landscape serving as both stimulus and mirror to the girl's growing derangement.

The result, perhaps inevitably, is a little arid, a forced parable with feminist sympathies, eager to imply more than it can show. But Jane Birkin's despairing fury has an impressive intensity, while Trevor Howard, mostly required just to grunt, conveys an infinite cruelty with the glimmer of an eye. If the magic of Coetzee's vocabulary is largely missing, the predicament of his heroine, a less-than-resourceful Coetzee, remains under Hansel's direction a compelling enough journey to the interior.

Back in the city, things continue to be not quite what they seem in Robert Mandel's *F/X — Murder by Illusion*, a far-fetched but highly enjoyable yarn about a special-effects expert (Bryan Brown) hired to stage an assassination for the New York police. As soon as he has peppered his victim with convincing squibs he becomes a hunted man, discovering to his horror that the bloodshed is real. Cheerfully stealing ideas from a

cavalcade of crime dramas like *Point Blank* and *The Gauntlet*, the film submits us to a spectacular car-chase before the special effects really come into their own with the final holocaust. I suspect that it will be remembered more for Brian Dennehy, an actor of massive and genial authority (he's playing the work-wearied cop) than for the comparatively lightweight Bryan Brown.

Considerably less memorable are the remaining releases in a crowded week. The problem with *Poltergeist II: The Other Side* is the complicated plot that has to justify a fresh assault on the luckless Freshling family four years after *Poltergeist I*. Rather sensibly they have left the neighbourhood and do not watch television any more, but the spirit world in the form of Julia Beck as a doorstep evangelist is still waiting to pounce. Clouds of wraiths and ectoplasm get busy from the opening sequences, splendidly compiled by Richard Edlund (*Ghostbusters*) and H.R. Giger (*Alien*), and there are at least two major nightmares. But the director Brian Gibson does give the unavoidable impression of being in the thick of forces he is powerless to control.

Philip Strick

Franco Zeffirelli will be at the National Film Theatre on Sunday, when he will be interviewed about his work in the cinema and the opera house, with special reference to *Otello*, which opens in London next week. The discussion starts at 4.15 p.m.; later in the evening the NFT will screen Zeffirelli's film of *Traviata*.

Dance

The gains of growing professionalism

Michael Clark
Sadler's Wells

My goodness, Michael Clark is getting respectable in his old age! Now all of 24, his first season at Sadler's Wells coincides with the announcement of a Michael Clark Foundation intended to help talented young dancers and to provide much-needed rehearsal studios for independent dance companies.

It would be unfair to ascribe this to a new-found seriousness, since he has always been entirely purposeful about his work. However his latest creation does find Clark showing a lot more respect towards his talent than he did a year ago.

In some ways *Fire Escape in Hell* is a develop-

ment of the boldly theatrical style he was then playing with, but he has ruthlessly cut out the less successful elements: the amateurish singing and most of the talking. There is still a good deal of the outrageousness which has proved a canny selling-point for his shows. But he gets this aspect over in the first of the three short acts, which also provides quite a few jokes about policemen.

The middle act is largely given over to a lament for dead singers, John Lennon, Mama Cass, Judy Garland (I think) and others, performed to a collage by Jeffrey Hinton, during which the action often illustrates comically the quoted songs, although I am not quite sure what the dancers dressed as a fish and a lawn

were supposed to be doing. These two acts have some rock music specially written by Simon Rogers and Bruce Gilbert, and two numbers recorded by the group The Fall, to whose dominating songs Clark has been consistently faithful. He uses these rock rhythms, however, as dancers in class use the musical accompaniment, entirely for their strong beat.

In the final act, an even more powerful accompaniment, high in decibels, is provided live on stage by Lailbach, a group from Yugoslavia, whose chanting in Latin and German provides the basis for a ceremony set in a vividly imagined hell, full of creatures with extra limbs who become, if anything, even more alarming when they

revert to normal human form. Clark's interest in dance for its own sake, clear in his earliest works and underlying even the silliness and excess of some interim pieces, runs strongly through this new production, growing fiercer and more inventive at each stage of the action. His basis, as always, is in the virtuoso possibilities of classical ballet, but used with complete freedom and individuality.

In spite of losing two of his past stalwarts, Clark has managed to double the size of his company with no loss of quality. He, merciful as ever, and the earnestly impassioned and continually developing Ellen van Schuylenburgh, set standards for the others to emulate.

John Percival

overcoming this obstacle that Miss Gee has developed a plot and character that unbalances the play. Work stops because of Lil, who will do anything to delay the moment of truth with her machine. She then goes on to secrete her botched work in the pile of a super-efficient West Indian colleague — thus provoking an tremendous fight when her treachery is discovered.

After building up such an enmity, Miss Gee abruptly cancels it when Lil is downgraded to non-skilled work which involves turning her enemy, Carrie, into a sympathetic ally. For all Brenda Bruce's desperate ferocity as Lil, the more she takes over central position the less interesting she becomes.

It is also a pity that she overshadows the quite beautifully written scenes of the three lace-makers. I shall remember John Dove's production for the performances of Jane Horrocks, Victoria Burton and Gayle Runniman, who can chill your blood with lines like "I've years of seeing left in me".

Irving Wardle

I suspect that it is in



Michael Clark: a talent for increasing self-respect



We are proud to announce that M. Louis Outhier will be launching his exclusive autumn menu from early October. To make your reservation, please ring Sergio Rebecchi, Restaurant Manager on 01-409 1290. This will be preceded by a fortnight of 'Menu Degustation' with M. Outhier — a superb selection of dishes accompanied solely by champagnes.



Voted 'The Times' restaurant of the year.

Concerts

CBSO/Rattle
Town Hall,
Birmingham

I had intended to devote a large part of this notice to Marius Constant's symphonic synopsis of Debussy's *Pelleas et Melisande*, which was being played for the first time in this country, and which was certainly not without interest. However, there are more urgent matters at hand, evoked by a performance of Beethoven's Choral Symphony so utterly candid it was a benediction.

We live in a time when the experience of Beethoven, and perhaps most particularly of Beethoven, seems to be increasingly ironized, the music removed from us by routine playing or routine listening by the rhetoric of personality and showmanship, or by performances using period style to place works within cute historical quotes. Some of these things are inevitable, some no doubt necessary, but what is most necessary of all, for the humanity of any future musical culture, is that Beethoven should continue sometimes to be felt and understood directly. This was one of those rare occasions when the spark struck.

I am at a loss to know how Simon Rattle achieved this

immediacy, this sense of the music speaking for itself, searching and finding its own tempo (even through some extreme *rallentandos*), its own phrasing, even its own colouring from the strings. No doubt the secret lies somewhat in the shared sensibility of conductor and orchestra, their working so closely in harness (and how well Rattle's stay-put policy justifies itself). But the triumph is also a personal one, dependent on Rattle's ability to be desperately and personally involved, and yet to be so on behalf of something much larger than himself.

What we heard was not an "interpretation" of the work; it was far too simple for that — too open, even too obvious — if at the same time constantly and joyously surprising. "Interpretation" would imply a secondary experience, whereas this had the flat authority of something primary; and as proof I can only record the thrill of the entry of the baritone soloist, a role marvellously held by Willard White, or the exhilaration of a perfect coordination between instrumental and vocal rhythms in the choral episodes, or again the absolute unimportance of some slips among the wind in the slow movement.

The music, the continuing comprehension of this music, was all that was important.

Paul Griffiths

Lionel Rogg/
LMP/Glover
Festival Hall

One Festival Hall tradition which has survived unchanged through all the innovations of the LCC, the GLC and the South Bank Board is the weekly organ recital: Wednesdays at 5.55. They tried, 5.45 a few years ago, but the organ buffs soon put a stop to that sort of radical nonsense. This season's series is called "The King of Instruments"; luckily the programmes are a bit more imaginative than the title.

This opening recital by the Swiss organist Lionel Rogg ranged from the French baroque mannerisms of Louis Marchand to the heroic fistfuls of Reger's *Fantasia on "Hallelujah Gott zu loben"*. Rogg's own *Two Studies* (entitled "Le Canon improbable" and "Les Tetrachordes insistant") offered just the right sort of witty antidote to the stormier fare, and his transcription of Liszt's *Saint-Francois de Paule Marchant sur les flots* had a suitably lurid, *Wurlitzer*-like quality.

But what has happened to his once unmatchable Bach? That most tragic of chorale preludes, "O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross", was given a swift and heartless execution, its heavily chromatic harmonies swept mechanically into neat little rubatos.

Later in the evening the London Mozart Players opened their season which, under Jane Glover's supervision, also shows welcome expansionist tendencies. Here, for instance, Robert Saxton's 1983 orchestral work *The Ring of Eternity* slipped in quite comfortably (to my ears anyway) amid the Haydn and Mozart. Saxton's evocation of Henry Vaughan's poetry did not quite sparkle as one remembered: some woodwind detail seemed too recessed here, and there was little sense of an inexorable culmination. But the playing was as highly competent as in the classical offerings. In Mozart's Piano Concerto in C K467, Rafael Orozco was a solid soloist.

Richard Morrison

Ameling/Jansen
Wigmore Hall

For Goethe, music alone raised and ennobled all it expressed. For Hugo Wolf, music was a vampire, grabbing its poetic prey and sucking out the last drop of blood for every word. Underlined by the implications, Ely Ameling set out to meet, not only Goethe and Wolf together, but Goethe and just about every composer who had ennobled or bled his art while it made for an exciting evening.

Apart from one rather primly delivered speech on the subject of Goethe's child-heroine, Mignon, Miss Ameling resisted the temptation to do a thoroughgoing Song-makers' Almanack on her audience. Comparisons and contrasts were lightly, deftly and, above all, musically made: by juxtaposing Beethoven's weighty "Wonne der Wehmüt" (a vampire, if ever there was one) with Mozart's childlike "Veilchen" by setting the stillness of Wolf's "Anakreons Grab", so beautifully phrased, against the fulsome ecstasy of Mendelssohn's song with ample words, "Die Liebende schreibt".

It was three of Goethe's hauntingly strange, female characters, Faust's Gretchen, Klärchen from *Egmont* and Mignon from *Wilhelm Meister*, who set the fiercest challenge to the artistry of both Ameling and her accompanist Rudolf Jansen. For Schubert's Gretchen at the spinning-wheel, Ameling gasped in breathless grief and recoiled from the imagined kiss's sting just at the point where strain was beginning to tell.

For Klärchen, there was Liszt's overblown "Freudvoll und leidvoll" and Wolf's coy "Die Spröde", both teased nicely into submission. And for Mignon, a most careful selection of moods and responses: Schumann's "Heiss' mich nicht reden", Schubert's (and, as an encore, Tchaikovsky's) "None but the lonely heart", and finally Wolf's "Kannst du das Land", partnered with superb dramatic insight by Mr Jansen.

Hilary Finch

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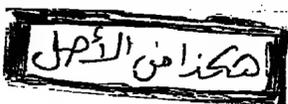
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Ministers fear Heseltine view on inner cities

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Government has intervened to prevent the embarrassing spectacle of Mr Michael Heseltine, former Secretary of State for Defence and the Environment, putting the Conservative case for the inner cities at a top-level international conference in London to be addressed by the Prince of Wales.

Prince Charles is expected to use the conference, "Building Communities", to launch a big new initiative on this highly-sensitive political issue. He will be supported by his architectural adviser, Dr Rod Hackney, who caused controversy by quoting the Prince as saying that he did not want to be King in an atmosphere where there were no-go areas in cities.

Chairing the conference, to be held in November, will be Lord Scarman, author of the damning inquiry into the Brixton riots in 1981.

Among the conference backers is the Archbishop of Canterbury's commission which produced the *Path in the City* report, denounced by one minister as "marxist".

Addressing the conference for the Alliance will be Mrs Shirley Williams, SDF president, and Labour's environment spokesman, Dr John Cunningham.

No minister was asked, instead, the organizers invited Mr Heseltine who, since his resignation during the Westland affair, has been

propounding an alternative Toryism based largely on the regeneration of inner cities.

Mr Heseltine, who took the problems of Liverpool to heart while at the Department of Environment, is expected to use the conference for a major policy speech.

The conference organizers, Community Architecture Information Services, said: "We believe that he was one of the most effective secretaries of state for the environment. He took a particular interest in the inner cities and we thought he was the best speaker for the Conservative Party to contribute to the debate."

Senior civil servants at the Department of the Environment are very concerned at the likely tone of such a conference and the lack of government representation.

This week an official of the department's inner cities directorate, Mr Andrew Lean, telephoned the organizers and let it be known that Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, or Mr John Patten, his housing minister, would be willing to address the conference if invited.

The organizers dispatched an invitation to Mr Ridley to respond to the other speakers.

"We are happy to accommodate the Government's wishes since they obviously feel they have a point to put which may or may not coincide with what Michael Heseltine might say."

Princess sees jail life

Princess Anne yesterday saw what life is like for 1,015 prisoners at the 141-year-old Winslow Green Prison in Birmingham, which was designed to take 570 inmates.

As the Royal visitor inspected prison warders, remand prisoners crowded to cell windows and yelled calls and obscenities — while one inmate sang *Rule Britannia*.

Later she spent five minutes with one of the prisoners in his tiny cell, talking to him while

standing at the foot of his bed. The man, Danny, aged 39, from Birmingham, serving 4½ years for forgery, said he was charmed by the Princess.

The Princess was presented with a cheque for £200 — raised by inmates in a whipround — for the Save the Children Fund, of which she is president.

Princess Anne visited the prison as patron of the Butler Trust, which administers an award for people in the prison service.



In deep trouble — at the double

These 13 sets of twins (left) are presenting teachers at a small Gloucestershire school with a problem: they refuse to take the blame for each other's pranks, and more often than not the teachers — and even their parents — cannot tell them apart.

But most of them are quick to accept compliments on each other's behalf, according to Miss June Lewis, the headmaster's secretary.

"They very rarely take the blame for each other, but they often take the praise for each other's achievements," Miss Lewis said yesterday.

She said the enrolment of 13 sets of twins at Farmers School in the quiet Cotswold town of Fairford was a record. The small comprehensive school has only 565 pupils.

When three sets of 11-year-old twins started school this month, 10 of sets of twins, aged between 12 and 15, were already there.

Miss Lewis said that more than one set of twins ended up studying the same subject in the same classroom at least eight times a week.

The twins are, from top: Peter and Leonard Naeff (aged 15); Matthew and William Bloomer (15); Anthony and Roger Pettifer (14); Helen and Iain Godfrey (14); Colin and Robin Hicks (14); Deborah and Marie Walden (15); Ian and Alistair Ross (13); Jonathan and Edward Beachey (12); Gavin and Rebecca Landless (12); Stephen and Robert (11); James and Katy Lardner (11); David and Paul Freely (11). (Photograph: Richard Windle)

Summit optimism by Soviet minister

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Daniiloff affair, but was made because the Russians had not complied with its request for a phased reduction of the mission's staff from 275 to 170. The US maintains that many of the Soviet personnel are not diplomats but spies.

There was official concern here yesterday that both sides may have locked themselves into a mounting confrontation over the arrests of Mr Daniiloff and Mr Genady Zakharov, the Soviet UN employee.

There has been strong and widespread criticism of the Administration for its handling of the affair, and Mr Shultz has been obliged to toughen his warnings to Moscow over the consequences.

The Shevardnadze-Shultz talks were intended to see whether there was enough common ground on arms control and other US-Soviet issues to justify a summit and possibly set a date.

They came one day after the opening of the latest round of arms control talks in Geneva, where there have recently been hopes that concessions on both had moved the negotiations forward, and that a framework agreement, similar to the Vladivostok Agreement of 1974, could be signed at a summit.

The Administration has tried to prevent the Daniiloff crisis affecting the arms talks, though President Reagan gave a daily warning on Wednesday that the Soviet treatment of Mr Daniiloff "continues to limit severely what is achievable in our bilateral relations."

Lost church plate languishes at British Museum

By Alan Hamilton

Miss Melina Mercouri and the Greek Government would feel instant empathy with the Rev Cedric Catton, vicar of Exning in Suffolk. Not only is the British Museum displaying an unshakable possessiveness towards the Elgin Marbles, it is sitting equally tight on the Exning Pyx.

Mr Catton had long been aware of the existence of the pyx, a piece of brass medieval church plate used to contain the blessed Communion bread, dug up in his churchyard in 1845 and, he believed, not seen since.

To release the pyx to Exning, they explained, would require another Act of Parliament.

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While researching the history of his church for the 1,350th anniversary of its foundation as a Christian site, the vicar discovered to his surprise that the pyx was reposing unseen in the vaults of Great Russell Street.

So he wrote to the Museum and asked for his pyx back. No, the Museum replied, it is forever ours. And they quoted the 1963 British Museum Act which enshrines their right to keep the pyx, the Marbles and every other item in their vast collection in perpetuity.

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French military attaché shot dead in Beirut

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embassy's security cordon in the suburb of Hazmich after driving the 600 yards from his apartment.

A gunman simply stepped from the vehicle behind him and shot him in the head as he left his car.

The colonel's body was taken to the mortuary of the old French Hotel Dieu Hospital, leaving a 20 ft trail of

blood on the roadway.

Embassy officials said that three other gunmen accompanied his killer, whom the police described as a man of about 28 with a dark complexion, wearing beige trousers and a white shirt. They made off in a Volvo car.

Exactly who was behind the killing was less clear. First suspicion fell on the group which is behind the bombings in Paris and is

demanding the release of George Ibrahim Abdullah and two other extremists from their Paris prison.

Abdullah comes from the northern Lebanese village of Qoubayyat, and if his gunmen wished to strike at France in Lebanon it would be comparatively easy for them to make their way south from Tripoli and into the Phalangist-controlled area of East Beirut, the one sector of the Lebanese

capital which diplomats still rashly consider to be safe.

Equally, French negotiations for the release of French hostages in Lebanon from the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad have broken down, and French-Iranian relations are rumoured here to have become strained once again.

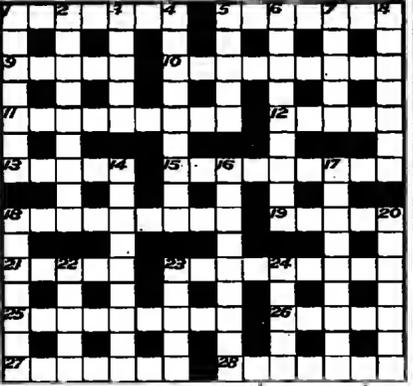
A pro-Iranian organization could have been behind the killing of Colonel Goutierre.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements
The Prince of Wales, Commodore, Royal Thames Yacht Club, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, attends the America's Cup Ball, Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, W1, 9. New exhibitions:
Drawings and paintings by Bal Athayde and Allan Coward, Colin Jellicoe Gallery, 82 Portland St, Manchester, Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 1 to 5 (ends Oct 11).
Upton Hall Clock and Watch exhibition, British Horological Institute, Upton Hall, Upton, nr Newark; today until Sun 10 to 5.30 (ends Sept 21).
Exhibitions in progress
Paintings and drawings by John Coe; Havant Museum.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,155



- ACROSS
1 Mother divided about creation in sage (7).
5 How not to stand in loco parentis? (4-3).
9 Imprisons for many years (5).
10 Realise native is without transport (9).
11 He had a novel exchange with his son (9).
12 Escape would have publicity for a star (5).
13 A little fish for the revel, perhaps (5).
15 Spiced wine the doctor had up his sleeve (9).
18 Do identify the Gallic friend of Caesar (9).
19 Take no notice of letter in speech (5).
21 Find room for sudden illness at home (3,2).
23 How trial may find you wanting (5,4).
25 Grilled meat and had trouble with the stem (9).
26 Faculty for seeing out sudden blaze, say (5).
27 Liberal in the distribution of divinity in a coy way (7).
28 Peaceable country, endlessly kind (7).
- DOWN
1 Pearce's grey without a carriage? How grim! (7).
2 Luxurious flat for such negotiations by VIPs (4-3).
3 His mouse helped to stir an audience (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,154
A 10x10 grid with letters forming words across and down. Words include: MOTHER, SAGE, IN LOCO, IMPRISON, REALISE, TRANSPORT, NOVEL, EXCHANGE, SON, ESCAPE, PUBLICITY, STAR, LITTLE, FISH, REVEL, PERHAPS, SPICED, WINE, DOCTOR, UP HIS SLEEVE, GALIC, CAESAR, LETTER, SPEECH, FIND ROOM, SUDDEN, ILLNESS, TRIAL, WANTING, GRILLED, MEAT, FACULTY, SUDDEN, BLAZE, LIBERAL, DIVINITY, PEACEABLE, ENDLESSLY, KIND.

Food prices

The Great Billingsgate Fish Fair, which takes place on Sunday, September 21, will give the public an opportunity to see the vast range of fish available from the market. Craftsmen and cookery experts will give demonstrations in filleting, skinning, pickling and cooking of fish.

There are excellent supplies of top quality mackerel and haddock. The average price of large cod fillets is unchanged at £1.80, but codling fillets are down about 2p a lb. Haddock is down by 3p to an average £1.76 a lb. Whiting fillet is around £1.05 in the North and £1.29 a lb in London and the South-east.

Beef rump steak is up about 3p a lb ranging from £2.78-£3.39 a lb with an average price of £3.06 a lb. Stewing beef is down to an average £1.45 a lb. Home produced lamb leg averages £1.54-£2.29 a lb. New Zealand lamb leg and loin chops are also a little cheaper this week with the average price for whole leg £1.51 and a range of £1.29-£1.69 a lb.

The cool weather and early frost has been good for Brussels sprouts and at 25-35p a lb they are cheap, and flavour and quality is excellent. Cauliflower 35-45p for good sized heads.

English green cabbage 15-20p a lb and mushrooms 30-40p a half pound according to size; English runner beans, at 45-60p a lb, are considerably more expensive this week as are courgettes at 40-60p a lb.

France, Italy and Greece 30-80p a lb. Large William pears 30-45p and the first Conference pears are now in the shops at 34-40p a lb. Victoria plums, at 45-55p a lb, are nearing the end of their season.

Talks, lectures
Meet the Journalist: Andrew Wilson on his work as a country writer; Lake District National Park Visitor Centre, Brockholes, Windermere, 1.30.
Third Decentur Lecture: Architecture and linguistics in the early Middle Ages, by David Parsons; Deodar Church, Glos, 8.

General
Weathers Festival, Bourne End, Bucks; theatre, craft, literature and photography; for further details: Woburn Festival Box Office, Freepost, c/o Weathersbee Opticians, 16 The Parade, Bourne End, Bucks; telephone bookings: (06285) 24243, today until Oct 4, 10 to 6; Book Fair Assembly Rooms, York, today 2 to 8, tomorrow 10 to 6.
Ridings Antique Dealers' Fair, Woodhouse, Westwark, near Sheffield, today 11 to 9, tomorrow and Sun 10 to 6.
Working together: how Southampton University is tuned to the world of industry; Boldwood Conference Centre, Southampton; today 10 to 6, tomorrow 10 to 4.

The pound

Bank	Sept 18	Sept 17
Australia \$	80.72	80.72
Belgium F	11.59	11.59
Canada C	64.10	64.10
Denmark Kr	2.29	2.29
France F	11.51	11.51
Germany M	7.28	7.28
Italy L	2.21	2.21
Japan Y	161.00	161.00
Netherlands G	2.21	2.21
Spain P	166.00	166.00
Sweden S	1.48	1.48
Switzerland F	2.21	2.21
USA \$	1.58	1.58
Yugoslavia D	73.50	73.50

Top Films

- The top box-office films in London:
1 (1) Alfie
2 (2) Mona Lisa
3 (3) Betty Blue
4 (4) Hannah and her Sisters
5 (5) The Untouchables
6 (6) A Room With a View
7 (7) Highlander
8 (8) Target
9 (9) The Colour Purple
10 (10) Rosa Luxemburg
The top films in the provinces:
1 Highlander
2 Hannah and her Sisters
3 The Untouchables
4 Pretty in Pink
5 The Karate Kid Part II
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Top video rentals

- 1 (7) Revolution
2 (2) The Godfather
3 (3) Silverado
4 (4) Volunteers
5 (5) World Science
6 (6) Explorers
7 (7) Entrepreneurs
8 (8) Gotcha!
9 (9) The Sure Thing
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ICI plans heavy job cuts in reorganization

Job losses running into the thousands are planned at Imperial Chemical Industries, Britain's largest manufacturing company, as part of a major cost-cutting reorganization of its mainstream chemical businesses announced yesterday.



Taking Courage: Mr John Elliott of Elders yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Elders IXL pays £1.4bn for Courage brewery

Elders IXL, the Australian food and drinks group headed by Mr John Elliott, made its long-awaited move into the British brewing industry yesterday by paying £1.4 billion in cash to Hanson Trust for the Courage chain of breweries, drinks businesses and 5,000 public houses.

Pru pays \$608m for first US acquisition

The Prudential Corporation, yesterday announced its first move into the United States insurance market with the \$608 million (£405 million) acquisition with Jackson National Life, a US life assurance company.

BET bid tally

BET, the international services group, claimed last night to speak for 42.4 per cent of HAT Group at the first closing date for its £113 million contested bid.

Laporte up 5%

Laporte Industries yesterday announced pretax profits for the six months to the end of June 1986 of £28.8 million, 5 per cent up on last year's £27.3 million.

Pound plunges against mark

The pound continued its downward spiral yesterday, tumbling to new lows against the mark and on the sterling index.

US growth remains sluggish

The US economy grew at a sluggish 0.6 per cent between April and June this year, the Commerce Department announced yesterday.

Marsh payout

Marsh & McLennan, the insurance broker, has declared a quarterly dividend of 47 1/2 cents, against 37 1/2 cents a year ago.

Texas backed

Washington (Reuters) - The United States Department of Transportation gave tentative approval yesterday to Texas Air Corporation's purchase of Eastern Airlines, America's third largest airline.

Arrow move

Blue Arrow has exchanged conditional contracts to acquire Positions Inc., an employment agency based in Boston, Massachusetts, for \$4.2 million, half in shares and half in cash.

R-R plan

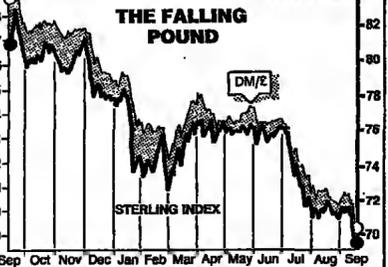
Rolls-Royce is planning to start advanced technology manufacturing in Australia and has started looking for partners there.

Dividend rise

Interim pretax profits jumped 28 per cent to £3.6 million at Wm Morrison Supermarkets, the North of England food retailer.

Correction

The photograph which appeared with our story on the Woolworth profits figures yesterday was of Mr Geoff Mulcahy, group chief executive, not Sir Kenneth Durham, the chairman, as stated.



Key changes at Midland

Midland Bank yesterday announced that Mr John Brooks assumes control of line operations and Mr John Harris takes over responsibility for central resources management.

SE to cut options costs

The Stock Exchange, gearing up for Big Bang and fresh competition from the London International Financial Futures Exchange, is to substantially reduce the costs of trading in options on the FTSE-100 share index from next Tuesday.

Trade Department hits back at CBI over investor Bill

The Government has launched a stinging attack on the Confederation of British Industry in response to its claims that the Financial Services Bill will increase the costs and reduce the international competitiveness of industrial and commercial companies.

High Street sales boom continues

High street sales are continuing to rise to near record levels, with employment prospects in retail trade improving, the Confederation of British Industry says.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for STOCK MARKETS, MAIN PRICE CHANGES, INTEREST RATES, CURRENCIES, and NORTH SEA OIL.

HOME OWNERS PROFIT-MAKER LOAN PLAN ONLY 12.3% APR PLUS an opportunity for a TAX FREE CASH BONUS

Bodycote International 'set for a record year'

Bodycote International, which is based in Manchester, yesterday reported higher profits and an increased dividend for the first half of this year.

Pre-tax profits rose from £1.35 million to £1.9 million, after an interest charge down from £233,000 to £30,000. This partly reflects the rights issue last December. Turnover expanded from £19.2 million to £22.34 million. The interim dividend is being boosted from 2.5p to 3.25p. It will be paid on December 30.

Earnings per share have grown from 10.6p to 12p. The board tells shareholders that all sections are trading well and that Bodycote looks set to have another record year. In 1985, pre-tax profits topped the £3 million mark for the first time.

The group's capital expenditure programme is virtually complete. Bodycote's activities cover metal treatment, industrial protective clothing and safety products, textiles and investment and financial services.

In brief

- **PHILIP HILL INVESTMENT TRUST:** The board reports that, with the exception of the holdings in Bechem and Arlington Securities which have been placed privately, virtually the whole of the trust's quoted portfolio has been offered for sale by tender. As a result, this portfolio has been sold unconditionally to Goldman, Sachs and Co.
- **BLANCHARDS:** Total dividend 4.5p for the year to June 30. Turnover £8.05 million (£12.53 million). Pre-tax profit £833,000 (£577,000). Earnings per share 9.2p (6.66p).
- **DRICE HOLDINGS:** Year to June 30. Total dividend 2.28p - a 20 per cent increase on the previous year after allowing for the scrip and rights issues. Revenue £25.04 million (£13.5 million). Pre-tax profit £4.22 million (£2.9 million). Earnings per share 9.0p (7.1p). The company is entering the current year with excellent prospects, the board declares.
- **FISHER (HOLDINGS):** Total payment raised to 9p (7.5p) for the year to June 27. Turnover £57.2 million (£57.56 million). Pre-tax profit £4.47 million (£4.23 million). Earnings per share 21.7p (23.8p). The board reports that the group has now achieved three years of increased profits after the worldwide slump in leather prices and it looks forward with confidence to the coming year.
- **HOME FARM PRODUCTS:** Year to May 31. Total

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dividend held at 3.25p. Turnover £28.52 million (£28.2 million). Pre-tax profit £1.01 million (£803,000). Earnings per share 14.7p (11.8p).

● **HAMPDEN HOMECARE:** Interim dividend 0.5p (nil) for the 24 weeks to June 14. It will be paid on Oct. 30. Turnover: £6.68 million (£6.02 million). Pre-tax profit £363,000 (£279,000). Earnings per share 2.7p (1.65p). The board reports that the company is making good progress and it looks forward with confidence.

● **WESTPOOL INVESTMENT TRUST:** Total dividend 1.60p (1.51p) for the year to April 30. Gross income £3.17 million (£3.04 million). Pre-tax profit £2.84 million (£2.47 million). Earnings per share, basic 1.99p (1.72p) and fully diluted 1.70p (1.47p).

● **WOLSTENHOLME BINE:** Interim dividend 2.75p (2.50p) for the half-year to June 30. Turnover £14.02 million (£11.88 million). Pre-tax profit £1.16 million (£1.2 million). Earnings per share, basic 12.0p (3.6p).

● **CONTINENTAL MICRO-WAVE:** Total payment lifted to 4.5p (4p) for the year to June 30. Turnover £10.98 million (£8.73 million). Pre-tax profit £963,000 (£708,000). Earnings per share 17.4p (20.3p) and fully diluted, 15.0p (17.6p).

● **PERRY GROUP:** Interim dividend maintained at 1.65p for the six months to June 30. It will be paid on Dec. 3. Turnover £21.09 million (£22.25 million). Pre-tax profit £1.78 million (£1.95 million). Earnings per share 5.9p (6.1p). The board explains that the small shortfall in 1986 profits compared with 1985 was eliminated in July and Aug. seems to have been an excellent month. It will be disappointed if profits for full year do not exceed last year.

● **BARRROW HEPBURN:** Interim dividend 1p (same) for the six months to June 30. Turnover £22.94 million (£22.97 million). Pre-tax profit £1 million (£935,000). Earnings per share 1.89p (1.69p).

● **CLARKE, NICKOLLS & COOMBS:** Interim dividend 2.1p (2.1p), payable on Nov. 17. Six months to June 30 (comparisons restricted). Turnover £1.96 million (£1.34 million). Pre-tax profit £407,000 (£407,000). Earnings per share 5.0p (4.7p).

● **NORTHGATE EXPLORATION:** A subsidiary, Orofino Resources, has accepted an offer from Western Goldfields to sell its 10 per cent interest in the New Hog Ranch gold mine in Nevada, US, for Can\$5.25 million (£2.55 million).

● **BBP INDUSTRIES:** The group has agreed to buy the insulation division of Moy Holdings, which makes and distributes a wide range of glass-

wool insulation products. The acquisition terms are subject to the consent of the Irish Minister for Industry and Commerce; the consideration, to be satisfied in cash, represents less than 2 per cent of BBP's net assets.

● **BARRIE INVESTMENTS & FINANCE:** The board reports that talks have resulted in Kaapoleon No 2 PLC raising its offer for the property at 187/211 St John St, London, EC1, from £2.05 million to £2.2 million, which it has accepted, subject to shareholders' approval. An extraordinary general meeting will be held on Oct. 2.

● **CLONDALEIN GROUP:** Pre-tax profit for the first half of 1986 is £1.72 million (£1.57 million), against £1.4 million. Turnover is £26.68 million (£24.06 million). Interim dividend 3.46p (3.15p), payable on Oct. 31. Earnings per share 11.06p (10.01p).

● **CONSOLIDATED VENTURE TRUST:** Half-year to July 31. Gross income £171,500 (£223,500). Net pre-tax revenue £14,200 (£83,200).

● **JONES AND SHEPMA:** Interim dividend unchanged at 1.15p for the first half of 1986, payable on Oct. 17. Turnover £9.54 million (£9.27 million). Pre-tax profit £752,000 (£770,000). Earnings per share 4.8p (6.3p).

● **WHITWORTH'S FOOD GROUP:** Under an agreement with Southfruit NV, a company registered in the Netherlands Antilles, a subsidiary, Jos Van Den Berg of Holland, has been sold to Southfruit. The price was about £480,000 in cash, after the payment by Jos of a special dividend of about £570,000 before the sale.

● **LODGE CARE:** Six months to June 30. Turnover £1.59 million (£1.2 million). Pre-tax profit £242,000 (£209,000). Earnings per share 2.6p (2.3p). A final dividend of 2p will be paid next spring for 1986. The board sees no reason to doubt that the full year's result will comfortably exceed 1985.

● **GEORGE H. SCHOLDS:** Total dividend raised to 23p (20p) for the year to June 30. A one-for-one scrip issue is proposed. Turnover £29.03 million (£26.21 million). Profit, before tax, £2.88 million (£102.48 million). Pre-tax profit £7.87 million (£4.53 million). Earnings per share 50.1p (45.1p).

● **ARMSTRONG EQUIPMENT:** Total dividend 2.75p (1.1p) for the year to June 29. Turnover £3.06 million (£102.48 million). Pre-tax profit £7.87 million (£4.53 million). Earnings per share 13.36p (7.89p).

● **BRISTOL CHANNEL SHIP REPAIRERS:** Year to March 28. No dividend (same). Turnover £3.06 million (£102.48 million). Pre-tax loss £358,000 (£121,000). Loss per share 0.45p (0.15p).

Delaying tactics threaten Gatt talks

From Bailey Morris, Punta del Este, Uruguay

Negotiations to launch a new global trade round under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade entered a crucial phase yesterday as ministers attempted to reconcile sharp differences between rich and poor nations over the key issues.

A group of developing nations, led by India and Brazil, have demanded changes in the working text on agriculture, services and many other issues.

Delegates presented the Gatt chairman, Uruguayan foreign minister, Señor Enrique Iglesias, with a large number of amendments, employing a delaying tactic that threatened to unravel the months of hard work that produced the working document.

A European official said: "We have reached a procedural crisis that could blow up the talks."

There was speculation of a rift in the French delegation, headed by finance minister M. Michel Noir and of discussion within the European Economic Community.

Indeed, the negotiations had all the elements of a high drama of battles. An effort was made to establish a special control centre or "green room" for the key commanders.

Meanwhile, ministers scurried from delegation to delegation attempting to marshal support. A full complement of Japanese officials, headed by the foreign minister, Mr. T. Kurogami, arrived for talks with the EEC over balance of benefits amendments, which they regard as "Japan bashing".

Mr. Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, dashed through the lobby with M. Willy de Clerq, the EEC minister for external relations, at his side.

EEC in new move to liberalize steel

From Our Correspondent, Brussels

Fresh moves to open the European Economic Community's steel market to free competition have been announced by the EEC Commission in Brussels.

From next January, the Commission wants to remove the production quotas from a number of restricted products, effectively liberalizing a substantial part of the market.

The Commission wants its proposals to be adopted by industry ministers before the end of the year, possibly at their next meeting on October 20.

The quotas, which have restricted steel output for the past six years, would still apply to 45 per cent of total EEC production, against 65 per cent at present.

The quotas would be lifted on wire rods, merchant bars, galvanized sheets and some light sections. Quotas on coated sheets and reinforcing bars were lifted at the start of this year.

In expectation of protests from steel producers, threatened with genuine market forces for the first time in six years, the Commission sees out a detailed response to the industry's arguments for more protection.

It says that the European steel industry has now begun to recover from its "long illness" and has shed about 31.2 million tonnes in capacity cuts since 1980 - including 5.4 million tonnes in Britain.

Britain accounted for a third of the Community's 150 000 job-losses in the steel industry between 1981 and 1984.

The Commission says that the maintenance of quotas, according to the Commission, has created growing obstacles to sound management. It says that companies are unable to react to the demands of the market. Market forces would force reluctant producers to rationalize still further.

most European steel makers earned considerable profits in the first quarter of this year, because of the dollar-based and oil-based falls in their production costs and the strength of the Community market.

The attraction of the EEC market for foreign producers has increased imports and cut exports this year, the Commission says.

But the surge in free market imports this year is large in comparison with last year, when the imports were particularly low. There is, the Brussels executive says, no cause for concern if imports this year are compared with the long-term trend.

Imports from non-EEC countries that do not have special supply arrangements with the EEC fell from 2.261 million tonnes in 1984 to 2.026 million tonnes last year. In the first six months of this year they rose to 1.413 million tonnes.

UK 'must follow Sweden on jobless'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Charter for Jobs, the all-party pressure group on unemployment, yesterday called on the Government to follow Sweden's example and bring about full employment.

An economic report published yesterday by the Charter, written by Mr Richard Jackson, says that there are important lessons to be learnt from the Swedish experience.

The report says: "Most industrialized countries have suffered large increases in unemployment in the 1980s. Sweden has been one of the most notable exceptions."

"If, last week, Mrs Thatcher had taken the trouble to skip over the border from Norway," the Charter for Jobs says, "she would have picked up some important tips for Employment Secretary, Lord Young, in his search for real answers for Britain's unemployed."

Sweden has kept its unemployment rate to about 3 per cent, compared with 12 per cent in Britain, the report says, because there has been large-scale government intervention in the labour market, extensive special employment schemes and a job-guarantee for the long-term jobless which means that no person need remain out of work for over a year against their will.

Sweden has experienced a big increase in the size of the labour force - mainly because of increased participation by women - and fiscal policy is constrained by the openness of the economy.

But, the report says, this has not prevented the implementation of successful employment policies, while private industry has done relatively well in Sweden - certainly compared with Britain - despite a large public sector and high taxation.

The Charter for Jobs is particularly impressed with Sweden's achievement in offering a job-guarantee to the long-term unemployed. This is something that the Charter has been pushing for in Britain and which was adopted as a central recommendation by the House of Commons Select Committee on Employment.

The Charter is currently campaigning for legislative backing for this through a Private Member's Bill.

Chemical industry opens its doors for a better image

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The British chemical industry, the country's largest single export industry with overseas sales of £10.5 billion every year, will open its doors to the public this weekend in an effort to improve its image.

Chemical plants throughout the country, which are operated by member companies of the Chemical Industries Association, will hold open-days.

Local residents will be able to tour the plants, find out for themselves what processes are being used and talk to workers and management about their fears and concerns about living in close proximity to a chemical plant.

The industry has found that many local people blame chemical plants for pollution which can be traced back to other sources. Mr. Martin Trowbridge, Director-General of the Chemical Industries Association, said: "We have to accept that people have real fears about the chemical industry and that we should do everything we can to explain what we are doing."

Companies this weekend will open their doors, and we hope, put the industry in perspective.

"The companies taking part in the open-day programme will show that we have nothing to hide. There may be many processes which are hazardous, but that does not mean that they are dangerous. We will show how everything that can be done to make things in the industry safe are done."

"We will also show what benefits chemical companies can bring to the local environment in terms of investment and jobs."

Mr Trowbridge launched the idea of a national open-day for the industry after discussing the matter with his counterpart who represent the Dutch chemical industry. In Holland, where there has been a traditionally active environmental lobby for several years, it was found that such open-days attracted no adverse demonstrations.

"In Britain it is hoped that any organized protests about what is going on inside a chemical plant would be combated by frankness and openness."

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All of us who are involved in the Big Bang are doubtless aware of the next stage in the Development Of The Species. Namely, the Survival Of The Fittest. The organogram above shows how we at Phillips & Drew have changed to make ourselves fit to survive after 27th October. We have reorganised ourselves into five divisions. You now have at your service a major integrated securities house, all under the Phillips & Drew umbrella, and all backed by the resources of Union Bank of Switzerland. We are showing the names of all our directors and assistant directors.

Many are longstanding Phillips & Drew people; some are new faces from jobbers Moulds and Edwards, Jones & Wilcox; some are newcomers from other firms. Many of the people named here are familiar from the past, while others will be new to you. But familiar or not, we are all ready and waiting to be put to the test. That is why our telephone numbers and addresses are on this page. So please make use of them **Phillips & Drew** and get in touch.

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Australia brews change for beerage

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

When the Elders IXL £1.4 billion deal to buy Britain's sixth largest brewer, Courage, from Hanson Trust was announced yesterday, Mr Brian Glover at the Campaign for Real Ale grumbled that it was just a case of "boozical cbairs" among big combines, which would make little difference to the pub drinker.

But that is not necessarily true, because the entry of Mr John Elliott, the tough Australian chairman of Melbourne-based Elders, into the British market inevitably signals a fierce battle among brands, especially in the lager sector, which is the only big growth area in a gradually declining beer market.

The IXL man - IXL is typical Australian for "I excel" although Elders acquired it during the series of mergers which created Elders IXL - also has plans for selling an equity slice to tenants of Courage's 3,676 tied houses.

The idea is to replicate the Australian experience of motivating tenants to greater commercial success while also raising cash for the parent brewer.

But otherwise the Elders decision to buy Courage rather than bid anew for Allied-Lyons, Britain's second biggest brewer, means the biggest shake-up for more than a decade in that relatively comfortable industrial grouping often called the "beerge."

In the last few weeks most brewers have been raising beer prices by 2p a pint or more, which should help to maintain their healthy profit levels.

The beer barons were last in turmoil when Grand Metropolitan, under the late Sir Maxwell Joseph, acquired Trumans in 1971 and Watney Mann the following year.

Grand Met has an immediate involvement with the Elders move to Britain as a base for international expansion. Since 1981 Watney has been brewing and distributing the draught version of Foster's lager, Elders' best known product and also Australia's best-selling lager, in Britain. In beer market.

Australian and US brewers are well placed to buy

1984 there followed a similar exclusive licence for canned Foster's.

Both licensing deals run to 1996 although Elders and Grand Met are soon expected to discuss the deal. A possible upshot, given the likely promotional battles to be launched by an aggressive Elders, is that production and distribution will be shared before the mid-1990s.

Watney is familiar with this pattern; it did a similar deal with Carlsberg, the Danish company which has a brewery in Northampton.

THE UK BEER MARKET

Analysis of market share (figures expressed as % of share)

Company	*Pubs	Lager	Ales	Total
Bass	7,404	24	19	21
Allied	6,807	15	13.5	14
Whitbread	7,000	13.5	11.5	12.5
Grand Metropolitan ¹	6,400	13	11	12
Scottish & Newcastle	1,446	9	11	10
Courage ²	5,131	9	9	9
Guinness ²	NIL	4	6	5

* Managed and tenanted Source: Kleinwort Greaveson
 Includes sales of Carlsberg and Holstein
 Includes sales of Harp and Kronenbourg

Speculation is rife on whether the Elders entry into the British market will mean that more foreign competition will come in as the big brewers increasingly adopt global strategies.

Courage could just as easily have been the vehicle into the British market for Anheuser Bush, America's biggest brewer whose Budweiser is being produced here by Watney.

And the same could be said for Mr Alan Bond's Australia-based Bond Corporation, whose Castlemeane XXXX, produced in Britain by Allied-Lyons, is also making big inroads into the lager market behind Foster's.

Either of these companies, and possibly Hanson Trust too as it accumulates more cash from its sales of parts of the old Imperial Group, might look to mounting bids for

Grand Met, which has long been the target of takeover speculation.

Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, for which a successful bid for Courage would have been its most logical expansion, could also be a bid target in this new battle line-up in brewing.

For Australian and American brewers with their mature home markets, the timing is right for a predatory move abroad, says Mr John Dunsmore, drinks analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the brokers.

He added: "The Monopolies and Mergers Commission, in its report on the Elders bid for Allied, showed that foreign newcomers would not face any great problems in mounting successful big-scale bids."

But the question remains of how Elders will use Courage to gear up the battle in Britain and elsewhere.

Courage has about 9 per cent of the beer market with such brands as Courage Best, John Smith's, and Hofmeister and Kronenbourg 1664 lagers.

Lager accounts for about 40 per cent of its beer sales, rather lower than that of Bass (about 43 per cent), Whitbread (47 per cent) and Allied (46 per cent). But Scottish & Newcastle is lower at about 38 per cent.

To build up its lager portfolio, Courage has a licensing deal to market Miller Lite in Britain for that American brewer. Elders' strength in lager will be a big factor in increasing the Courage thrust in the lager sector, which now accounts for about 41 per cent of beer sales, but is expected to

total about half the beer market by the end of the decade.

Courage has been lowering its unit costs by closing down old breweries and bringing in new, more efficient units. It is one of the lower-cost brewers in the industry.

It closed breweries at Plymouth and Newark and rationalized depots. A £5 million brewhouse came on stream at the John Smith's Tadcaster brewery last November and a £16 million development programme at

the Bristol brewery is due for completion early next year.

If Courage's portfolio of lager brands is boosted by Elders to match the strong Courageale brands, the operation would be in a good position should the Monopolies Commission's investigation of the brewing industry lead to a dismantling of the tied house system. Those brewers with strong brands are likely to benefit most if they lose direct control of pub outlets for their products.

There is also the question of how the Commission would view Elders' scheme of offering an equity stake to tenants of the tied pubs. The idea surfaced in Elders' bid for Allied and is expected to be looked at again for Courage.

Elders told the Commission it expected joint ownership to result in greater commitment of publicans to their business, an increased level of service to customers and a spur to competition through the introduction of entrepreneurs at the retail level.

Tenants could finance their stake through cash flow and at the same time be protected against excessive rent rises. Allied's tenants were doubtful about the prospects of part ownership and the same problem is likely to arise at Courage.

But it could well mean that once the dust has settled, pubs, as well as the brewing industry, will not be the same again when the big Australian gets into its stride in Britain.

Montagu makes mark in Norway

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

It is common knowledge that Norway has had a large surplus of money for years, at least until the collapse in oil prices took some of the wind out of its sails.

And it is no secret that progressive deregulation of what had been a tightly controlled market has been the best banking news in this part of the world for at least as many years.

It may come as a surprise, however, that only one British bank has taken advantage of the unprecedented opportunity to break into the lucrative Norwegian market.

Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank now owned by Midland, is one of seven foreign banks - the others comprise three French, three American - to have set up shop in Norway since the previous Conservative administration gave its approval.

Montagu celebrates the first anniversary of its wholly-owned Norwegian subsidiary this month, describing the move as one element in the "establishment of a pan-Nordic merchant banking operation spanning Sweden, Norway and Finland."

In addition to a long-standing presence in Stockholm, Montagu has been granted a Finnish banking licence and hopes to open a wholly-owned subsidiary in Helsinki by the end of the year.

The strategy, according to Mr Morten Aas, managing director of Samuel Montagu A/S in Oslo, was the brainchild of Mr Steffen Gadd, a Swede, and formerly chief executive officer of the Scandinavian Bank in London, who joined Montagu for a brief period.

Mr Aas said: "He brought with him the idea of a Nordic presence, and recruited knowledgeable people."

He added: "The Nordic countries were seen to have a need for somebody who could come in and play the independent mediator in areas like merchant acquisitions, where traditionally deals have tended to be done on a friendship basis without a great deal of attention to minority shareholders."

Norway, in particular, was attractive as a well-developed industrial society, wealthy, stable - and with a long history of strong trade relations with Britain.

Since Montagu opened 12 months ago, opportunities for deficit financing have increased substantially.

Norway has been forced by dwindling oil revenues to borrow internationally for the first time in many years.

However, in the early months the bank has concentrated on traditional advisory services rather than lending.

Mexico's drive to reduce debt comes under fire

From Alan Robinson, Mexico City

The Mexican government has completed 16 debt-equity swap projects, worth \$200 million (£135 million), in an attempt to lighten its \$100 billion foreign debt burden.

However, there are indications that debt-equity swapping will not be the panacea the authorities had hoped.

The drive to transform debt into new foreign investment takes two basic forms.

The first option is that a foreign creditor bank takes over stock in a state-owned company in lieu of debt.

Alternatively, the foreign bank can accept "debt certificates" issued by the Mexican government. These can then be sold to current or prospective investors at, for example, 60 cents to the dollar.

The government undertakes to pay the investor between 80 and 90 cents to the dollar in Mexican pesos over 13 years, provided the money is invested or kept in Mexico.

To sweeten the pot, the government has eliminated the old 49 per cent foreign investment limit for small and medium companies, allowing up to 100 per cent foreign ownership.

And according to the Foreign Investment Commission, "further concessions are in the pipeline".

The government has announced it will take over the foreign debts of 47 state-owned companies, "some of which will be susceptible to the debt-equity swapping mechanism."

These include the country's largest steel companies, Alfos Hornos de Mexico, Siscarsa and the recently closed Fundidora Monterrey, as well as the national airline, Aeromexico, and seven of the nationalized banks.

Sources close to the Foreign Investment Commission unofficially revealed that Japa-

nese investors want to increase their stake in the giant Siscarsa steel complex.

Nissan is also talking to Citibank about acquiring enough debt certificates to control its Daizan Combi plant, which is due to open next year.

Given the fact that the private sector alone owes about \$18 billion to foreign and domestic banks, the government sees a vast potential in debt-equity swapping.

But independent economists are warning that the strategy "could perpetuate our debt obligations without substantially diminishing the total debt, while allowing foreign capital to push out Mexican investors".

Critics point out that Mexico did not receive a single dollar in credits during the first half of this year, but its external debt grew by more than \$1 billion because of a steady devaluation of the peso.

According to Mr Edgar Ortiz, president of the North American and Caribbean Countries' Economic and Finance Association, Mexico paid a debt servicing bill of \$119 billion, of which \$385 million was paid between 1977 and 1986. "But the total foreign debt did not go down, it increased".

Mr Ortiz says the debt servicing bill agreed with the International Monetary Fund for this year and next comes to \$20.2 billion.

This, says Mr Ortiz, "will barely reduce the total debt, because \$17.2 billion of it will be interest payments".

Mr Ortiz and economic experts of the National University conclude that constant peso devaluation will eliminate the ground gained both through amortization payments and debt-equity swapping in the foreseeable future.

Morgan Grenfell names chairman for Scotland

Morgan Grenfell (Scotland) Mr David Douglas-Home has become chairman.

Sun Life Assurance Society: Lord Bancroft and Mr Richard Zamboni are now vice-chairmen.

The Littlewoods Organisation: Mr A McCann joins as deputy managing director on October 1. Mr W Hantley becomes managing director of the chain store division on the same day.

Uingate: Mr Maurice East-uff is now on the board.

Motherwell Bridge Holdings: Mr J Murphy takes charge of Motherwell Bridge Construction Group and Mr W Tanner heads Motherwell Bridge Engineering Group.

M W Marshall & Company: Mr M Warren has become chief executive, succeeding Mr M Kelly.

CAL Futures: Mr Patrick Folkes is marketing director. Clarksons Puckle (East Anglia): Mr A Barraclough takes over as managing director.

F H Tomkins: Mr John Starbuck becomes managing director of Twiflex and Mr Peter Graham managing director of Firth Cleveland Engineering.

Frogmore Estates: Mr Philip G Davis is appointed managing director, succeeding Mr William J Baker.

Levin Contract Furniture: Mr Peter Barham is sales and marketing director.



Lord Bancroft

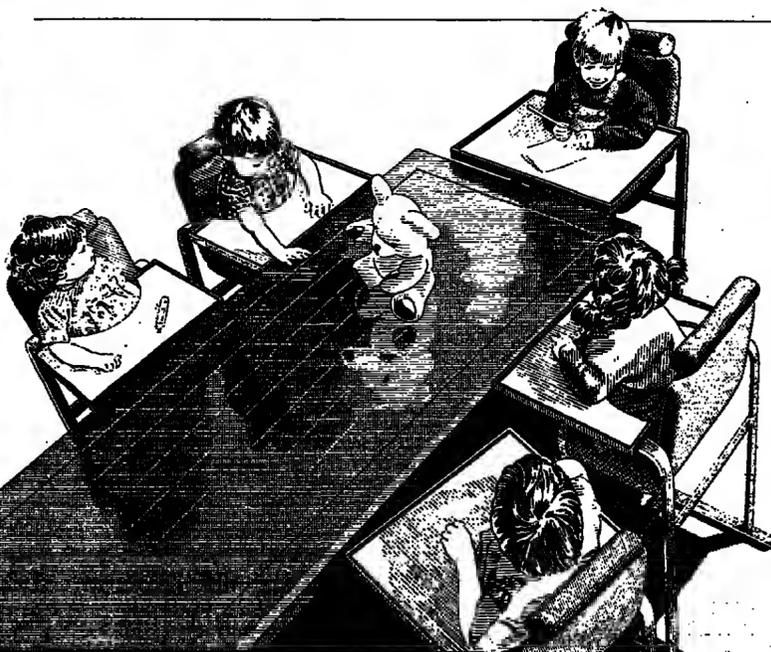


Richard Zamboni

Westwood Information Technology: Mr Richard Holden has joined as managing director.

Kingshurst Furnishings: Mr Christopher Delaney joins the board as sales and marketing director.

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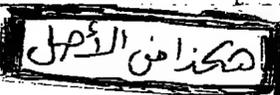
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Motoring by Clifford Webb

Citroen's exciting new hatchback

These are exciting times at Citroen UK's Slough, Berkshire headquarters. Sales so far this year are up by a remarkable 30 per cent...

The new Citroen AX went on sale in France this week with a publicity campaign proclaiming it to be at least equal and in most cases superior to current class leaders...

Bernard Peloux, managing director of Citroen UK is so confident that he has another winner that he told me: "When the AX reaches Britain next summer we shall be able to attack the whole market..."

"The AX is the most economical petrol-powered four-wheel car on sale. It will beat many diesels".

Official fuel consumption figures should be seen as a means of comparing one car with another using the same test. They take no account of individual driving techniques...



Citroen AX: Most exciting small car since the Mini

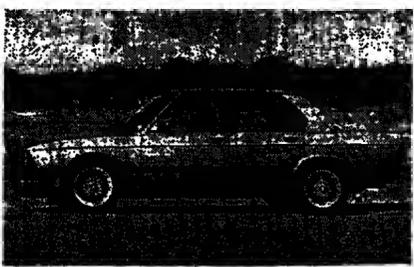
Super Mini market

The AX is competing in the most cut-throat sector of the entire European market, the B2 segment which accounts for more than one in four of all private sales...

At the beginning of this year Citroen UK set its sights on doubling its market share within 30 months. Within 6 months sales increased by 30 per cent...

Another key factor is the new Peugeot gearbox codenamed MA. It is light, easy to operate and lubricated for life with a special transmission oil...

On the road AX drivers will find a very reassuring combination of zippy acceleration, excellent high-speed cruising, tetch-like road-holding and delightfully neutral handling...



BMW M5: Fastest four-door saloon sold in Britain.

BMW 'Q' car

One of the problems with today's aggressive-looking sports cars is that the attention they attract from police cars. The frequency with which this occurs on the M4, close to the Bracknell headquarters of BMW (GB) has had some members of staff there debating whether to swap to less conspicuous models...

Such a car is the new BMW M5. With a top speed of 153 mph it is the fastest four-door saloon available in Britain but

this potency is hidden under the body of a very ordinary looking BMW 5 series. Its performance is so vivid and its appearance so understated it must be one of the most successful "Q" cars on the road today.

In addition to its unobtrusiveness the M5 has a rare feature for such a rip-roaring performer. It enjoys being driven luxuriously. The secret is the big six-cylinder, 24-valve 3.5 litre engine

Vital statistics

Model: BMW M5 Price: £32,990 Engine: 3463 cc 6 cylinder in-line injected Performance: 0-60mph 6.2 sec, maximum speed 153 mph Official consumption: Urban 17.1mpg, 56mph 36.2mpg, 23.1mpg Length: 15.2 feet Insurance: Individual negotiation only.

producing 286 bhp and massive torque at low revs. Except in the wet there are no problems about handling. At that power, a new tuned suspension has been developed with single tube gas-filled shock absorbers which make M5 very safe.

The indications are that its little sister AX will continue to boost Citroen's new image. It will also draw in the much needed younger buyers who until now have been mainly students interested in the veteran "cult" model the 2CV.

Purting such a big engine into a comparatively light car means that under load the space is at a premium. It also means that the front and aft balance of the car becomes more critical. To counter this the very large battery is housed in its own compartment set in the offside of the boot. Unfortunately that means a substantial loss of luggage space. A set of golf clubs can no longer be laid across the boot floor but have to be wedged at an inconvenient, space-wasting angle.

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Furniture designers sitting pretty

By Peta Levi

Flux, a small design partnership set up two years ago by two Royal College of Art graduates...

On view will be a wide range of metal-based furniture designed by Flux and manufactured under licence by Hoskins Ltd...

Flux was started by Paul Chamberlain and Peter Christian, both aged 27. Mr Chamberlain tells me: "On graduating we went to the Milan show, thinking that we would work abroad..."

At an early show, Mr Chamberlain was approached by Pointers, a Bristol-based company which helps designers develop and market their ideas...

Flux quickly realized the importance of developing a range of products such as lights, chairs, tables and accessories and contracting-out manufacture...



Paul Chamberlain, left, and Peter Christian: Milan design success shorter than the rest or colours simply being wrong.

Last year, as members of the Independent Designers Federation, they exhibited at Olympia, where Peter Gardiner, Hoskins' marketing manager, spotted them...

welding system, and is developing a range of furniture with the Young British Designers label.

The Hoskins-Flux co-operation resulted in the Flux range of metal-based tables, seating, lighting and coat-racks being manufactured by Hoskins and launched by that company last May at Inter Design International, London's premier furniture exhibition.

Mr Gardiner says: "We didn't expect an initial response, but had 350 direct inquiries, which has already resulted in 10 orders (six for export) worth £15,000. We have the capability to produce an extra £2.5 million to £3 million of work annually in these new fashion, design-led products."

Chamberlain and Christian represent a shrewder and tougher generation of British designers now emerging from Britain's colleges, interested in designing a wide range of goods and prepared to sub-contract manufacture or manufacture under licence in order to retain quality control.

Flux has received a 60 per cent British Overseas Trade Grant for the cost of the £4,500 stand at Milan. Mr Chamberlain says: "I don't think that many young designers are aware that the grant is available to British companies exhibiting for the first time. BOTB will cover 30 per cent of the cost of the second year; then you are on your own."

Though Flux's current turnover of £30,000 is tiny, it expects a sharp rise this year, looking for some from royalties on the Hoskins sale. Flux hopes to return from Milan with a full order book.

Cheers! Here's to eight new jobs at the bright go-getters

An initiative project set up to help young people start in business has just seen two of its "graduates" expand their operation creating eight new jobs in all.

Leisure Lighting, which specializes in lighting for nightclubs, pubs and leisure centres, including a design service, has moved to its first purpose-built premises after a first-year turnover topping £100,000.

The business was started last summer at the Mansfield Brewery Enterprise Project centre, Nottinghamshire, by Mike Soppelsa and his administrative partner, Helen Hardy. Now it is growing so fast, with orders from as far afield as

the Middle East and the United States, that a full-time sales manager, Peter Graney, has been appointed. Mr Soppelsa said: "Orders are getting bigger and it is certain that we shall be doubling our turnover in the second year."

The centre, set up two years ago in an initiative by Mansfield Brewery, an independent brewer, provides low-cost workshops and business support for successful applicants over 18.

Contact: Ian Baucher, Mansfield Brewery Enterprise Project, Littlewood, Mansfield, Notts NG18 1AB; phone (0423) 25691.



"I was wondering what I was going to do with the profits from the extra business you found me!"

The British Institute of Management (BIM), two leading youth agencies and 31 investors in industry - Britain's biggest venture capital provider - are backing a new initiative to help more than 3,000 young people towards an entrepreneurial career. Derek Harris writes. They expect that at least 200 new businesses will start up within 12 months as a result.

designers of BIM, who hopes to get 700 managers to give their time to encourage and counsel sixth-formers around the country. It will be more than double BIM's involvement in this sort of work. It is supporting the scheme with £50,000, matching £ for £ the money expected from other sponsors, including industrial and commercial companies.

The initiative also brings together Youth Enterprise and Understanding Industry, two of the 30 or so organizations trying to bridge the gap between schools and industry. It is the first time

two such bodies have got together on an initiative of this scale. Young Enterprise helps to launch youngsters in actual businesses and operates through nearly 100 voluntary area boards; Understanding Industry gets managers to "sell" industry and its prospects to students, organized over 25 regions. This year, Youth Enterprise has involved about 17,000 young people from more than 1,000 schools.

Contact: BIM, Africa House, Kingsway, London WC2B 6RL; phone (01) 405 3456.

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The scheme was launched yesterday in London by Brian Wolfson, chairman-

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Andrew's debut

Imagine Lord's as a leisure centre



After the cricket writer and the cricketers, the cricket-lovers answer the questions put by *The Times*. What has gone wrong with English cricket? And how can it be put to rights? Lord Wigoder talks to Paul Martin.

Baron Wigoder of Cheetham in the City of Manchester, wartime artillery officer, Queen's Counsel, Recorder of the Crown Court, judge at the Old Bailey, member of the MCC, Life Peer since 1974, and the Liberal's Chief Whip in the Lords, now chairman of BUPA. A not untypical figure of the Establishment, you might infer. You would be wrong. For while he prides the progress being made in overcoming class divisions in cricket, he describes the game's rulers as "to a substantial extent, a self-perpetuating oligarchy living in a bygone age."

Who, they may be asking at Lord's, is this fellow? Which school tie does he wear, and which county did he play for? Answer: Basil Wigoder, son of a dentist, was a grammar school boy, went up to Oxford, and never played county cricket. But he loves the game; he played it passably well at club, then village green level, until he called it a day a couple of years ago in his 64th year. "My reflexes got too slow for decent fielding and I didn't want to let my team down."

Lord Wigoder has been a devotee of cricket since early childhood, when he would gaze endlessly through his nursery window in Manchester at the exploits on the adjoining club cricket ground "to the great detriment of my homework."

One of those exploits, incidentally, was a six struck by a certain medium-pacer called Bolton, whom he remembers well, that felled an old lady named Mrs Stone walking in the adjacent street. It led to the famous Bolton and Stone court case that established the law regarding cricketers' and clubs' liability when big hits strike passers-by.

Young Basil would sneak out alone into the back garden and spend many hours a week bowling to tennis ball at a brick in front of a wall. Epic Ashes Test matches were decided there in accordance with the strict rules set by his vivid imagination. He also kept a full scorecard of each fictitious encounter, and did his averages at the end of the season. "Later, as a teenager, I would impose on relatives around the country wherever there was a Test match over weekends."

He might have been immortalized had he been born a little earlier. What he took to be off-breaks turned out, when his father took him to Old Trafford for some coaching, to have been googlies. "Bosies may have been called 'Wiggies'."

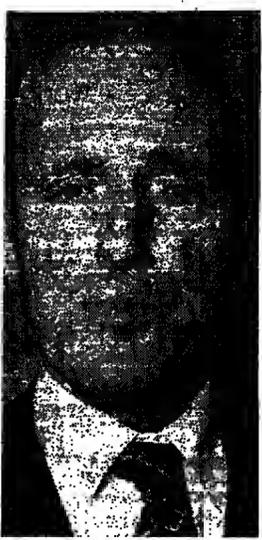
chairman of BUPA, which, by the way, provides health insurance for most county cricketers, has cunningly arranged for his company to buy boxes at many county grounds, "which I, by pure coincidence, can visit during big matches".

He is depressed that the full houses he recalls for county matches at Old Trafford are generally a thing of the past. "For most days of the season, there are a lot of rather indistinguishable players who are all indistinguishable from one another, playing rather pointlessly on deserted cricket grounds — a very sad sight."

England's cricketing malady can best be treated, he believes, by attacking the cause of the disease at county level. "Most cricket grounds are not attractive places to go to; the seats are incredibly uncomfortable, the food is invariably awful, the lavatories are depressing, there are hardly any telephones, and if it's crowded at a one-day game, queues form in all directions."

The solution Lord Wigoder favours is to turn cricket grounds into family sports and recreation centres, funded by a share of the burgeoning income from sponsorship. "Take Lord's. Right in the heart of London, and with lots of room on the Nursery ground. People are crying out for sports facilities and it's empty half the year. It's an ideal place to put in some bowling greens, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a children's playground, tennis courts and so on. You could have family membership, so that wives and children could spend the day and have fun, while the father watches the cricket and takes the children back to the play area. We could do that around the country, like many European football grounds are starting to do."

He concedes it is a fairly radical idea, and he doubts whether today's administrators are sufficiently innovative to implement it — just as they failed to see



Lord Wigoder: radical solutions

that Kerry Packer's approach had, on balance, more advantages than drawbacks. "There are still hangers on from the Gentlemen versus Players era. The game's rulers have improved, and are doing well in attracting sponsorship, but for which the game would, by now, be dead. But it seems sadly symbolic that the only game you can play at Lord's besides cricket is the totally esoteric Real Tennis."

In general, too, he believes there is a need for more emphasis on management skills in selecting administrators,

and less on their cricketing pedigree, though he says management training is neglected throughout society. The question of management is especially crucial in overseas touring sides, he points out.

He largely blames the cricket Establishment for the hostility between them and those he calls "cricket's great characters". The latter, he fears, are an endangered species, with a "dull uniformity" being sought rather than "the occasional eccentric, sometimes abrasive, personality that we should cherish. Cricket is a game you can express yourself in more vividly than in any other sport."

The game would be in a much more healthy state if there was a Botham-type figure in every county side. I appreciate they are sometimes a bit of a nuisance, but it's up to the administrators to get round that, by appointing firm managers and captains."

Part of the problem, he feels, is that there are too many upper-middle class administrators running the game, with a different socio-economic background to the bulk of today's players. "They lack the imagination to put themselves in the players' shoes."

Botham, he says, should be accepted warts and all, with his vices as well as his virtues. "It needs a great deal of sympathy to deal with the problems that inevitably arise with the tremendous publicity for everything he does."

Despite his years as an Old Bailey judge and leading barrister, he is not convinced that Botham's admitted drug-taking has deserved the vilification it got. "Soft drugs used moderately may even be less harmful than too much alcohol. Certainly I am told you can play cricket better after a marijuana cigarette than after a couple of pints of beer."

hour after hour." He is deeply worried that the boogian element notorious to football (another game he loves) is looking to cricket grounds as an alternative venue for its vile behaviour.

To return to the county scene: Lord Wigoder hopes suggestions of extending the matches to four days are accepted without delay. "Four-day matches may bring back crowds as each day's play will mean something. The three-day game has become totally artificial. People going on the first two days feel the cricket they see will have little relevance to the result. For the first two days, nothing happens except preparations for a contrived declaration during the third day. Then it's a sort of one-day run-chase."

Once county cricket picks up, and cricket grounds become fun places, Lord Wigoder believes the youngsters will be stimulated to look at cricket as a worthwhile career. "You have to convince youngsters they'll get a lot of pleasure playing the game. At present, how can you expect youngsters to want a career, performing in a rather pointless way before a dozen spectators?"

Another of Lord Wigoder's iconoclastic views is that we should be encouraging more overseas players, not seeking to keep most of them out. "Without overseas players, no average county batsman would ever face a real fast bowler, and very few English bowlers would have the chance to bowl to a man of Viv Richards' calibre. I don't believe promising cricketers, who are in short supply anyway, are being kept out of county sides by overseas cricketers."

"They not only add an enormous amount to the quality and attraction of the game, helping to stop the decline in crowds, but I suspect if their energies were properly harnessed, they would be of tremendous use to younger cricketers coming on in the side."

Tim Rice, song-writer, on the sport he loves

Why do people go on knocking the game so much?

This week I told a distinguished and well-known member of England's Test team that I was writing a few words on what's wrong with cricket in this country. He said that one of the things that was wrong was that too many people were asking what was wrong.

He has a point. There are many aspects of the game I have loved for over 30 years that are in great shape. I believe that the playing skills of the best players are as great as those of many of the giants of the past and that the names of Botham, Gower, Gooch and Lamb (for example) will be held in esteem long after they have retired.

I believe that public interest in the game is still enormous, despite the lack of consistent success enjoyed by the England team in recent years. Coverage in the Press and on radio and television in many quarters is excellent; cricket literature thrives. The standard of fielding is markedly better than it has ever been.

The people who earn their living from the game are among the most delightful in any profession. The best players are earning the kind of money their talent deserves. One of the principle reasons why the England team struggles at times is that everyone else has improved rather than any deterioration in England's standards.

I go to a great many first-class and one-day fixtures and nearly always feel I have had some worthwhile entertainment. Club and village cricket continues with unalloyed charm and sociability.

But I do have a few concerns, many of which have been well-rehearsed by others. I realize that there are often economic arguments which prevent some of my wishes being granted, but from a selfish and enthusiastic

amateur's point of view, my first XI are as follows:

I: The decline of cricket in many schools.

II: The appalling and morose behaviour of crowds: mindless drunkenness often the cause as far as England supporters are concerned; some incomprehensible desire for noise as far as other supporters are concerned. Commentators in the media and officials at grounds often seem ludicrously tolerant of pitch invasions and relentless hubbub.

III: The covering of pitches which eliminates much of the glorious uncertainty of the game and variety of bowling.

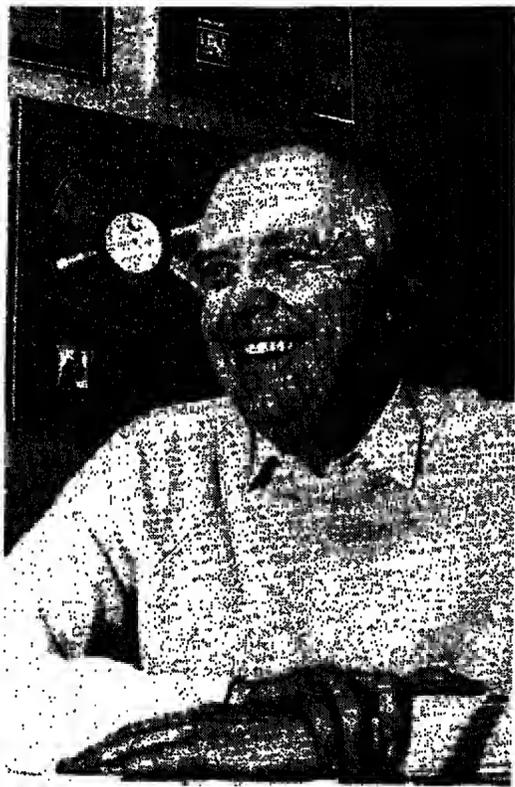
IV: The reluctance to introduce four-day county championship matches which would give more players the chance to shine and prepare for the ultimate examination of Test matches. It would also mean that uncovered pitches would not lead to too many draws through time lost. As far as cricket lovers are concerned, the county championship is for ranking about as much as for watching and I am fed up with reading about contrived finishes and forfeited innings.

V: Still too many overseas players in county cricket.

VI: Man-of-the-match awards are meaningless sideshows. It is a team game and however distinguished the arbiter be cannot often really know who made the most vital contribution. The cricketers realize this and split the winnings anyway.

VII: Too many Test matches. If a team is beaten badly in one series, it is all too soon hung into another against the same opposition. Consequently it is half-beaten before it starts. Between tours our bowling apart at respectable intervals.

VIII: Far too many one-day inter-



Tim Rice: "There are many aspects of the game that are in great shape"

nationals. They have become almost meaningless and impossible to recall two days later. Ironically, there are on rare occasions too few, i.e., when there are attempts to call a two-match rubber a series.

IX: Some sections of the cricket Press are scandalous snark-makers taking needless and vicious advantage

of the occasional (regrettable) indiscretion.

X: The averages are printed far less regularly in the intelligent cricket Press than they used to be.

XI: The waiting time for MCC membership has become ridiculously long and the membership is in danger of growing too ancient.

Leadership is the clue to solving the mystery

Jeffrey Archer refuses to write a novel about English cricket, despite his boundless enthusiasm for it. He fears there would not be much of a market for the book, even in Britain where "half the people wouldn't understand it." That speaks volumes, as does the fact that one of his sons, aged 14, has spurred cricket for golf, and his other son prefers running.

As an ardent Thatcherite, he is concerned at poor government in cricket, especially the post of tour manager. "We need a strong man, properly paid and given lots of power. Ray Illingworth might have been our man."

The rulers of cricket do not fill him with confidence: "They are very charming, pleasant people who have not quite got into the professional world."

Stress should be laid on the captain's leadership skills rather than his batting and bowling ability. He suggests that Peter Roebuck or Mark Nicholas would make good England captains.

This is but tinkering, he admits. England's rulers face a lack of drive stemming from the good life. He recalls driving from the Barbados Oval three years ago and coming across a boy bowling a stone fast at another child using a stump as a bat. "I was thinking, as he smacked that stone all over, in 10 years they'll be destroying us at Taunton and Lord's."

No West Indian, he says, would ever turn down a tour as Gooch has done.

Archer was due to speak last night at Joel Garner's benefit dinner and, as a Somerset fanatic, supporting them when they were last for many years, he plans to play with Botham to stay on. Though he has admitted defeat in any sphere, he confesses that in this quest he will probably have to.

'Bullies must go'

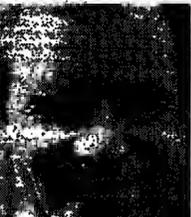
It is hard to decide if Frances Edmonds is a cricket lover or a cricket hater. She certainly pulls no punches about those who rule the lives of her husband, Phil, and through him her own. "The present administrators have got to go. They are out of touch," she says citing Peter May, the chairman of the England selectors, as a prime target.

Mrs Edmonds has an axe to grind, of course. She believes her husband should be England's captain: "Only a well-educated man, helped by some colonial arrogance, can hold his own against the snobs and bullies of the Long Room."

Her criticisms continue on a broader front. "The selectors have no strategy. They axe players too fast, so there's too much pressure on them. Look at poor Greg Thomas."

She urged the administrators to set up an international supervisory panel to ensure decent Test pitches and practice facilities. "They should insist England won't play on awful wickets, like we had in the West Indies. The practice nets there were so abysmal it's no wonder lots of players didn't bother to turn up."

With sponsorship money flowing into cricket, she felt it



Jeffrey Archer: hates defeat

was time the authorities stopped their "archaic" practice of making all cricketers share rooms on tour "like a bunch of juveniles." She adds: "They have different sleeping patterns and needs for solitude. My husband, for example, is an insomniac and drives his room-mates mad."

Robin Askwith arranges his overseas acting assignments wherever possible to coincide with cricket tours. He has just returned from a "Run for Your Wife" tour of New

Zealand — arranged in the erroneous belief that England were touring there.

As well, the idea was a good one. At least David Gower, his great friend, saw him perform recently. The former England captain visited the show five times in London's West End.

The two men swapped tickets for their respective performances: at Lord's, Askwith delights in cheering and stamping to the chagrin of the men in the MCC ties.

"They should select new selectors," Askwith says, bitter at the dropping of Gower as captain. He believes the happy-go-lucky Gower approach produces better cricket than the dour attitude he thinks is now in force.

He blames the media for much of cricket's ills. "The media got rid of David, they put the selectors in a corner. If anyone plays badly they demand he gets dropped. I sit with the players' wives as they are hitting their fingernails off, there's so much pressure on their men to perform."

He also blames the Press for reporting "what the players smoke or who they go to bed with." He believes only what happens on the field should be printed.

Paul Martin

Boon's hundred opens Australian account

Madras (Reuters) — A solid 122 by the opening batsman, David Boon, lifted Australia to a comfortable 211 for two in their first innings at the close of the opening day in the first Test match against India yesterday.

Boon hit 21 fours in his third Test century, scored in 331 minutes, and also passed his 1,000 runs in Test cricket before he edged the pacesman, Chetan Sharma, to Kapil Dev at second slip.

The Australian vice-captain, whose Test career has been transformed since he was promoted to open last year, added 158 for the second wicket with Dean Jones, who ended the day on 56 not out.

Kapil Dev brought spin into the attack almost immediately after losing the toss on a dry, grassless pitch, which had not after their bounce nor turn. Although the left-armers, Maninder Singh, and the off-spinner, Shivlal Yadav, kept the batsmen to a slow scoring rate the only wicket to fall before lunch was that of Geoff Marsh who was caught at mid-on by Kapil Dev when he mis-hit Yadav.

Boon had a few narrow escapes with misguided books and was finally tempted by Sharma, who induced an edge off his first delivery with the new ball.

AUSTRALIA: First innings: D Boon c Kapil Dev b Sharma 122; D Jones not out 56; M Marsh not out 56; R J Edmond not out 2; R G. & W 11.

INDIA: First innings: A R Border, G M Ritchie, G R J Matthews, S R Waugh, M J Zaheer, C J McDermott and S A Reid to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-208. **BOWLING:** D Gooch: Kapil Dev 11-4-32-0; Sharma 10-3-31-1; Maninder Singh 20-9-70-0; Yadav 16-4-39-1; Shresth 20-9-48-0.

● The itinerary for the Indian section of the 1987 World Cup has been announced.

TRAVEL: October 9-10: India v Australia (Madras); New Zealand v Zimbabwe (Hyderabad); 12-13: India v New Zealand (Delhi); 14-15: India v Zimbabwe (Delhi); 16-17: India v Zimbabwe (Bombay); 18-19: New Zealand v Zimbabwe (Calcutta); 20-21: Australia v India (Madras); 22-23: Australia v Zimbabwe (Calcutta); 24-25: Australia v Zimbabwe (Calcutta); 26-27: India v Pakistan (Madras); 28-29: India v Sri Lanka (Kolkata). The semi-finals will be played in Bombay and Lahore, and the final (November 7 and 8) in Calcutta.

'Captains must be obeyed'

Lord Home, the only British Prime Minister to have played first-class cricket, is a man who understands the need for leadership (Paul Martin writes). He does not see much evidence of it in the England side. England expects, he says, that every captain should "know his own mind." Understanding of the game and its tactics are not sufficient.

"The captain's authority must be asserted and obeyed," Lord Home remarked. He feels it is particularly important for overseas tours. "I think the old captains asserted discipline very strongly."

Standards have declined worldwide, he believes, apart from the West Indians. But he sympathizes with England's plight: "There weren't so many distractions in the past."

He believes today's professionals play too much cricket. And he is particularly disappointed by bowlers. "Covered wickets have led to a sad decline in spin bowlers. Leg-spin is a dying art. But the key to success these days is fast bowlers and we simply don't produce enough."

Lord Home, a former MCC president, still enthuses in his twin interests of cricket and politics. Whenever he is in London he tries to attend not only the Lords, but also Lord's.

Millfield's lessons pay off

Blame for England's cricket woes is often laid at the doors of our schools. Millfield, in Somerset, is, however, beyond such criticism. Thanks largely to the indomitable will of Colin Atkinson, this independent school shies away from the term "public" has become cricket education's superpower.

It boasts two present county captains, Peter Roebuck, of Somerset, and David Grayveney, of Gloucestershire, as well as several other first-class cricketers. At one stage recently, 11 of its old boys were on county staffs.

Yet, when Mr Atkinson came to the school in 1960, it had no reputation for cricket: only one of its ex-pupils had gained an Oxford place. "It gradually grew," Mr Atkinson, now the school principal, recalls proudly.

He points to the superb facilities he has installed, including a covered indoor riding school which has been converted into a cricket pitch and nets, as well as artificial pitches laid on outside fields. The school's reputation produces a spiral, he explains, with more cricket-loving parents sending their children there and cricket-minded teachers seeking to join the staff.

Mr Atkinson, who is also the president of Somerset and a member of the Test and County Cricket Board, is not entirely cock-a-hoop though. He is saddened that his light shines so brightly while in the State schools cricket's torch grows dimmer. "I have a lot of sympathy with the State school teachers," he says.

"Their education departments' budgets are so tight it is not surprising they put classroom facilities and equipment as priorities ahead of cricket pitches, which are, unlike soccer and rugby fields, costly to maintain."

He sees some "light at the end of the

tunnel" though. Some clubs are taking over the role of nurturing the young cricketers, but he notes that "many other clubs turn their heads away." The problem he sees, even where clubs do help, is that their own facilities are poor. "It takes a certain dedication from clubs and from a 13-year-old lad who goes to them. The nets are often appalling. You can't bat on them."

Mr Atkinson is aware that cricket's decline is aggravated by a trend among State teachers to discourage competitive sports. Hardly surprisingly, he says it is "a load of nonsense" to suggest that competition is bad for children. "It's part and parcel of human nature — to deny it is to live in cloud cuckoo land."

But he also recognizes there is validity in the argument that too much stress has been laid on competition in the past. "Fathers jumping up and down on the touchline or the boundary have got it out of balance. We need a restraining hand." He tries to prevent parents — and teachers — trying to "mould the children in their own image," or into what they would like to have been.

"Cricket is just one of over 40 sporting activities we offer, some not very competitive," he says. "I don't regret giving them the choices. What we do is insist they be exposed to the traditional English way of life — in sport that means cricket, rugby, soccer and athletics — as well as music and religion."

"You can see if they're not enjoying a sport. At prep school what they don't enjoy is being in a team and seldom getting a bat or bowl. It's reasonable for a certain forcing to occur provided you allow them to opt out later."

Mr Atkinson is more than a school principal. As a member of the TCCB, he

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UK 'must follow Sweden on jobless'

David Smith, Economics Correspondent... The British government is being urged to follow the lead of Sweden in its handling of the unemployment problem.

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BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast. 6.50 Dabbe Greenwood and Frank Bough. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.07, 7.37, 8.07, 8.37, 9.07 and 9.37; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Other items include Alan Titchmarsh's phone-in gardening advice; and Anne Robinson's television choice.

9.20 Cee-fax 10.30 Play School presented by Iain MacLellan with Janet Palmer. (r) 10.50 News After Noon with Frances Coverdale and Moira Stuart includes news headlines with satellites 1.25 Regional Outlook. The weather details come from Bill Giles 1.30 Holkey Colky. A See-Saw programme for the very young with Carol Small and Don Spencer. (r) 1.45 Cee-fax.

2.15 Racing from Newbury. Julian Wilson introduces the horses. Hanson and Clark Stakes (2.30); the Schweppes Autumn Handicap (3.00); and the St. Paul and Farm East West Stakes (3.30). The 4.00 race is on BBC 2. 3.52 Regional News.

3.55 Whizz. (r) 4.10 SuperTed. (r) 4.15 Beat the Teacher. Paul Jones presents another round of the teachers versus pupils quiz 4.30 Chequers Plays Pop. Keith Chedoke presents a mystery quiz and three pop groups including Hollywood Babylon. (r) 4.55 John Craven's Newsround 5.05 Butterfly Island. Adventure serial set on an island by the Great Barrier Reef. 5.35 The Kranksie Elektronic Komik Comedy. (r) 6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather. 6.30 London Plus presented by John Peel. Linea Mitchell and Caroline Righton.

7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests are actress June Allyson, Cilla Black, Inspector Jenkinson, star of the BBC 1 series, Animal Squad, and Ben Keaton, winner of the Parrier Award at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Music provided by country and western singer, Ricky Skaggs. 7.35 Blankety Blank. Comedy quiz game presented by Les Dawson. His guests are Henry Cooper, Dana Leanne, Ruth Madoc, Fiona Richmond and Bernia Winters. (Cee-fax) 8.10 The Colby's. Sable begins her vote for her husband who has made romantic overtures to her sister, Francesca. Jeff breaks short in his honeymoon with Felicia in assistance in the Lladras murder plot; and Bliss and Monica experience a few rough passages in their respective love affairs. (Cee-fax) 9.00 News with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather. 9.30 Call Me Mister. Drama serial about a man trying to find his father's killer. Starring Steve Bisley. (Cee-fax) 10.25 Casualty. Meetings with Ambler. The master thriller writer in conversation with poet and journalist, James Fenton. (See Choice) 11.25 Film: Cerebella Liberty (1973) starring James Cagney, Marsha Mason and Eli Wallach. A seaman with two interests in his life - woman and killing his company commander - takes shore leave in Seattle and falls for a prostitute with a mulatto son. Directed by Mark Rydell.

1.20 Weather.

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and Jimmy Savile's television highlights at 8.35. On After Nine and Russell Grant's Nine and Russell Grant's horoscopes and Lizzie Webb's large ladies' exercises.

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Go-ahead for BCal

The Japanese government has cleared the way for British Caledonian to begin servicing the London-Tokyo route. And the Government is "within striking distance" of an agreement with the Soviet Union for overflight rights for the airline, according to Mr Michael Spicer, Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Transport.

BHP setback

Broken Hill Proprietary, the Australian oil, minerals and steel company, showed a 40 per cent fall in net profits to Aus\$182.4 million in the first quarter to August 31. Sales fell by 6.7 per cent to Aus\$2.1 billion. The interim dividend is maintained at Aus17.5c.

T&N inquiry

Turner & Newall, which made an unsuccessful bid for AE, said it will "pursue vigorously" its financial and legal advisers' reports that 10 per cent of AE shares were sold through AE's brokers below the offer price after the bid collapsed. T&N said the Take-over Panel was investigating the matter.

Unilever offer

Unilever is making an agreed cash offer for Naarden International at fl 90 a share, valuing the total business at fl 1.379 billion (about £112 million). Unilever already owns 49 per cent of Naarden.

£1.27m deal

A and P Appledore Group is issuing 529,412 new shares, 15 per cent of its enlarged capital, to buy Tower Maritime Ship Repair Services and its subsidiaries in the Tower Maritime Group for £1.27 million.

Exco buy

Exco International is to acquire 60 per cent of Le Masurier James and Chan, the only remaining independent Jersey stockbroking partnership, subject to approval.

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Market nerves send gold to three-year high

The gold price rose by more than \$10 an ounce to its highest level for more than three years yesterday, amid continuing nervousness in financial markets. The pound and the dollar both recovered after Thursday's sharp losses, but dealers said that this mainly reflected pre-weekend covering by traders, and the underlying tone remained weak.

Schroders offshoot sold for £99m

J Henry Schroder Wagg, the merchant bank, took a further step yesterday towards consolidating its operations in wholesale banking and securities business, with the sale of its life assurance and related unit trust business for £99 million.

GDP slows to 0.2% growth

Britain's gross domestic product rose by a modest 0.2 per cent in the second quarter and the economy expanded by just 1.4 per cent compared with last year.

Smith & Nephew buys US medical group for £193m

Smith & Nephew, the medical and healthcare products company which manufactures Nivea and Elastoplast, is making its largest ever acquisition with the £283.9 million (£192.7 million) purchase of Richards Medical Company based in Memphis, Tennessee.

Profits slump at Enterprise

Enterprise Oil yesterday announced it was maintaining its interim dividend — so far the only independent oil company to do so — despite a slump in pretax profits. The company blamed the profits fall, from £61.7 million in the first half of last year to just above break-even point at £1.2 million in the corresponding period this year, on the severity of the fall in the oil prices from £21 a barrel in 1985 to an average £11 a barrel in the first half of 1986.

Conveyancing costs to fall

The Land Registry is reducing its fees for processing registered land transactions from October 1. Thus, for 87 per cent of the population in England and Wales the cost of conveyancing will be cheaper; a typical saving would be £65 on the cost of registering a £70,000 conveyance.

Parrish aims to establish a regional broking network

The realignment of stock-broking firms in the provinces received a boost from an unusual quarter yesterday when J T Parrish, a fully quoted shell company, announced it was buying two firms for £1.23 million. The deal, which follows the formation of two regional brokerage groups earlier this year, is the prelude to Parrish developing a regional network of private client agency brokers.



Break in talks for two Austrian delegates, Herr Gerhard Waas (right) and Herr Georg Reisch.

Hard bargaining at Gatt talks

World trade ministers worked around the clock yesterday to break a procedural log-jam that threatened to delay the launch of a new global trade round after a week of negotiations. Although there was broad agreement that progress had been made on the key issues of agriculture and services, ministers were still engaged in hard bargaining over the wording of the communiqué and the procedures to be followed by member nations of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

'More job mobility needed'

Lord Young of Giffham, the Employment Minister, said yesterday there should be greater differentials in pay across the country to encourage job mobility. The practice of negotiating wage rises nationally has meant there are now hardly any differences in pay for skills in different areas.

The Second Alliance Trust PLC New Records

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Wellcome wins US go-ahead for AIDS drug programme

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Wellcome, the British pharmaceutical group which made a Valentine's Day debut on the Stock Exchange, has at last been given the go-ahead for its revolutionary anti-AIDS drug, Azidothymidine.

A sub-committee of the American National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which has been monitoring Wellcome's drug trials for ethical reasons, met in Washington on Thursday afternoon to discuss the latest batch of data submitted by the company. The institute has the power to call a halt to the trials at any time.

But at a press conference in Washington late yesterday it

little commercial value to the company.

"We expect it to put around £35 million on sales in two years' time, and some £8 million on profits," Mr Stephen Plag, an analyst for Wood Mackenzie, the broker, says.

It should bring Wellcome's price/earnings ratio down from 27 at present to 20.

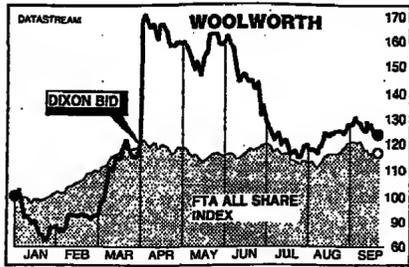
All other drug companies were lower on the day, in line with the rest of the stock market, apart from Glaxo which edged up 2p to 982p. Fisons shares were down 10p to 563p, Smith & Nephew, after announcing a US acquisition, slid 7p to 117p and Beecham 3p down at 398p.

The FT 30-share index ended the day off its worst, down 10.5 at 1,269.1 with the broader-based FT-SE 100 index 13.8 lower at 1,600.4.

Currency worries lifted gold \$7 on the day to \$430 and gilts, although erratic, finished the day up 1/2 overall.

Among leading blue chip stocks, ICI was the only one to make sizeable gains, pointing up 13p to reach 1,097p. Royal Insurance was down 12p at 827p, Thom EMI 5p lower at 474p, BP slid 10p to 648p, GKN 5p to 269p and Guinness was also 5p lower at 328p.

Woolworth shares fell 5p to 645p on speculation that Dix-



ons had placed its 5 per cent holding but this has still not yet happened. Confirmation that three Woolworth directors have exercised options to sell shares worth £2.8 million and that Charterhouse Tilney, the broker, had placed part of its 4 per cent holding, did little to help.

Other retailers were slightly off colour on fears of higher interest rates. Storehouse was 5p lower at 645p and Ratners was also 5p down at 221p. Marks and Spencer was 3p worse at 200p and Next was a couple off at 250p.

The building sector was also to the doldrums ahead of a possible base rate rise which would have a dampening effect on the industry. Lloyds was 5p off at 398p, Laing 4p lower at 395p and Bovis Lend Lease 4p lower at 301p and 408p respectively.

London jobbers, sceptical of an official denial from the

also gained a couple to 893p while Barnham slid 4p to 362p. Another bid rumour stock, United Scientific, where both GKN and Pilkington have been mentioned as possible suitors, improved a further 8p to 168p.

News that the French investment bank Compagnie de Navigation Mixte has taken a 5 per cent stake in jeans manufacturer Lee Cooper, boosted its share price 10p to 228p.

Blue Circle Industries, Britain's biggest cement manufacturer, held steady at 556p despite growing speculation that it is preparing to reduce a large part of its 11,000-strong UK workforce. The group is already planning

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Falling gilts strike at the new market

A state of war exists between the financial super powers — West Germany and Japan, on the one hand, and the United States on the other. As James Baker, US Treasury Secretary, is telling the world — to the ill-concealed fury of sophisticates at the British Treasury and Bank of England — the Americans want the dollar lower against the mark and the yen. They also want the West Germans and Japanese to cut their interest rates. Neither is prepared to yield, as is clear from heavy movements in the foreign exchange market.

Sterling is caught in the cross fire, wittingly against the major currencies and inspiring fears of higher UK interest rates at a time when foreigners are becoming sensitive to shifts away from the Government in political fortunes.

The pound is not alone in its grief for related reasons prices in the gilt-edged market have taken a serious knock. So serious that the market is alive with stories of the huge losses some dealers have sustained, which are true, and rumours of an impending withdrawal from the market of one of the biggest firms, which so far have proved false.

The name trembling on every lip is the American giant Merrill Lynch. Not true, says David Rochester, in fact Bill Schreyer, chairman of the Thunderbolt Herd, over from New York, had yesterday re-affirmed Merrill's commitment to the gilt-edged market where it is one of the 27 primary dealers lined up for big bang. The team led by John Hutchinson remains in residence.

The situation in the market is, none the less, a cause for real concern. In 10 trading days between September 4 and

September 18 the Swiss-made Lombard-Odier index registered a rise in the yield on government stocks from 9.78 per cent to 10.75 per cent — a fall of a hundred basis points.

In this kind of market only the wise and the fortunate can have escaped losing a great deal of money. Their chances of keeping losses in bounds have been reduced by the harsher price adjustments made by the jobbers who, in the twilight of the old market, are not seeing nearly as much of the business as they used to do and are left to guess the weight and price significance of the big volume of trading taking place outside the Stock Exchange.

The worst scenario is of the new primary dealers taking in stock in order to build up a dealing book ahead of big bang on October 27. With prices collapsing they dump stock, with inevitable losses. These losses may be big enough to wipe out the primary capital firms have devoted to this market.

The American firms, in particular, have gone into the market in a big way, in preparation for throwing their weight at their rivals after October 27. One or more of the chosen 27 could decide that the game is not worth the candle and pull out of the race before the start. If a leading primary dealer did so the domino effect might be disastrous. Other firms might quickly follow suit, dumping their accumulated stocks as they made for the changing room.

The Bank of England knows — everyone knows — that there is simply not room for 27 profitable primary dealers in the new gilt-edged market. The sharp fall in gilts, unless it is arrested, may ease that problem.

● Latest talk from Hong-kong markets, closed yesterday for the mid-autumn festival, is that Hutchison Whampoa is gearing itself up to make a bid for rival Inchcape. Dealers have reported heavy buying of Inchcape shares in the Colony in recent weeks. The shares were unchanged at 42 1/2p in London — just 10p shy of their year's high.

It took the unprecedented step of giving the company permission to begin supplying the drug to patients on a "limited basis" on compassionate grounds before official approval was granted by the Federal Drugs Administration.

First whispers of the good news among American investors took Wellcome's shares 10p higher to 207p, making a rise of 33p in the past week.

British dealers said most of the buying was being done by Americans for emotive reasons and that although it was good news for AIDS victims, it would be of comparatively

● Shares of Dee Corporation fell 10p to 250p yesterday following a visit to the company by James Capel, the broker. Capel has reduced its estimate of pretax profits for the current year from £204 million to £194 million against £23 million last time. The market fears other brokers may also lower their estimates.

● Insurers, up in recent days on the back of the impending TSB Reatulation, lost ground with Pearl Assurance coming down 10p to 1503p, the Prudential losing 23p to 819p and Britannic casing 8p to 824p.

● Composites followed suit with Gardian Royal Exchange 20p down to 789p, Royal Insurance down 12p at 827p, and General Accident 10p lower at 827p.

● IC Gas continued to rise on bid speculation, putting on another couple of pence in busy trading to touch 488p. Other oils were mixed. Shell

RECENT ISSUES

Company	Price	Change
Hill Ergonom (82p)	86	+
Hughes (200)	241	+
MI Cash & T (100p)	93	+
Marina (110)	88	+
Marina N/P	88	+
Melway Trans (75p)	75	+
Sandell Perfor (100p)	100	+
Scott Migs 100% =25	221	+
Stanley Leisure (110p)	110	+
Thames TV	244	+
Trans 8 1/4% (210)	237	+
Unilever (63p)	146	+
Veritron (165)	165	+
Vodafone TV (125p)	80	+

RIGHTS ISSUES

Company	Price	Change
Barclay Tech N/P	221	+
Boots N/P	146	+
Brown & Tawse F/P	146	+
Cambridge Venture N/P	146	+
Cambridge Venture N/P	146	+
New O. Nat Res N/P	146	+
Oil & Gas N/P	146	+
Tiphook N/P	333	+

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Val
Three Month Sterling	89.27	89.52	89.18	89.34	8127
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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

City	Rate	Change
New York	1.4725-1.4810	+
London	2.0880-2.0970	+
Amst	3.2650-3.2750	+
Brussels	60.81-61.26	+
Copenhagen	11.8670-11.8840	+
Osaka	10.7760-10.7870	+
Frankfurt	2.3920-2.4030	+
Geneva	2.1270-2.1380	+
Madrid	133.40-134.80	+
Milano	2021.0-2043.70	+
Paris	10.0070-10.0200	+
Stockholm	2.2740-2.2860	+
Tokyo	20.58-20.74	+
Zurich	2.3660-2.3800	+

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

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STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Term	Rate	Change
1 month	0.88-0.89pm	+
3 months	1.54-1.59pm	+
6 months	0.8-0.74pm	+
12 months	1.1-1.11pm	+
18 months	1.1-1.11pm	+
24 months	1.1-1.11pm	+
36 months	1.1-1.11pm	+
48 months	1.1-1.11pm	+
60 months	1.1-1.11pm	+

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Val
Alfred Lyons (308)	300	17	30	32	11 14
BP (648)	550	110	130	140	25 32
Cons Gold (549)	500	55	70	80	25 32
Courtauld (281)	250	20	25	28	11 17
Com Union (277)	280	11	21	23	16 20
Castle 6 Wire (246)	300	17	37	45	10 18 22
Debenhams (720)	600	135	140	145	25 32
GECC (172)	180	15	25	32	4 7 11
Grand Met (403)	320	30	35	38	15 18
ICI (1087)	1000	100	120	130	15 20
Lang Sec (111)	300	18	23	27	5 6 11
Marks & Spenc (200)	200	9	19	21	6 11
Shell Trans (888)	750	157	177	182	2 9 17
Trafalgar House (278)	250	26	34	40	2 10 16
Woolworth (214)	200	15	20	23	11 15
Boots (221)	220	4	18	26	2 11 16
BTR (293)	300	20	35	43	2 13 20
Bays (728)	700	35	55	70	5 10 15
Blue Circle (556)	550	15	40	55	9 27 30
De Beers (179)	650	150	165	180	4 10 15
Dixons (362)	350	54	74	80	1 2 3
GKN (209)	250	12	26	30	1 19 25
Glaxo (982)	900	95	140	140	10 15 20
Harrison (190)	150	31	36	40	1 7 11

MONEY MARKET AND GOLD

Contract	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Val
Joyner (518)	500	23	31	38	4 25 30
Thorn EMI (474)	450	52	60	65	17 20
Trans (405)	300	112	120	125	1 1 1
BT Aero (441)	400	18	22	27	6 9 11
BAT Inds (447)	420	37	45	53	12 20 25
Barclays (740)	400	37	55	65	7 18 25
Brit Telecom (184)	180	14	21	26	7 11 15
Cadbury Schwepp (175)	180	19	28	33	3 7 9
Guinness (328)	300	33	43	53	5 16 17
Imperial Gr (335)	300	35	45	55	5 16 17
Lafayette (323)	300	36	47	58	3 10 10
LASMO (214)	120	11	15	23	16 22
Midland Bank (567)	500	52	70	80	12 20 30
P & O (329)	480	67	80	90	2 5 11
Regat (174)	180	9	15	20	12 14 16
RTZ (619)	500	127	135	140	2 20 21
Vaal Reefs (78)	80	20	31	35	2 5 7 7
Lowth (214)	200	24	30	36	6 12 15
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FT-SE 100 (1599)	1570	1570	1570	1570	1570
Gold	1825	4	26	37	55 70 75
ECGD	1700	1	12	15	103 112 120

Accolade for Lloyd's

Lloyd's insurance market is quietly cock-a-booop that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have agreed to reside at the official opening of the new Lloyd's building on November 18.

The Queen herself is not a name at Lloyd's. The new building was created by Richard Rogers, co-architect of the Pompidou Centre in Paris, maybe she will be tempted.

Acceptance by the Queen of the invitation has saved Lloyd's the embarrassment of inviting the second in line — the Prince of Wales. Given HRH's views on modern architecture, Richard Rogers' cranes in flight above an elegant oil refinery would have had everyone on tenterhooks.

On a more serious note, the royal seal of approval is a blessed relief to a once revered institution that has attracted more criticism in the last five years than the Church of England. Many Lloyd's watchers had doubted

whether a "top royal" would agree to come near the insurance market until the last of the great scandals had been sorted out.

The PCW affair is not sorted out and it is highly unlikely that it will be by November 18. Lloyd's has publicly stated that it hopes to reach a settlement by the end of this year. However, the scale of the losses and the PCW conviction that they have an excellent legal case against a host of defendants, including Lloyd's mean that a solution is far from easy.

The official opening will come just after Sir Patrick Neill, vice-chancellor of Oxford University, delivers his government-commissioned inquiry into the treatment of names at Lloyd's. Dignitaries at the insurance market will be keeping their fingers well crossed that nothing in the Neill report, expected at the end of next month, will spoil the party on November 18.



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SHARES

How do you have a market when you have nothing to buy and nothing to sell? Simple. You set up a grey market.

This is one of the weirder activities in the City and usually involves only professional institutional investors.

But there appears to be a grey market of some sort in Trustee Savings Bank shares, and some private investors are being tempted to dabble. When they did so just before the British Telecom flotation, many came to grief because they did not understand what the grey market was all about. Even if you do understand, think more than twice before using it.

As its name suggests, it is a somewhat shadowy entity. The idea is that shares in a company which is about to issue shares are traded before the actual flotation takes place. That means, of course, that all trades on the grey market (known as the pre-market to politeness) are only in notional shares — shares that do not yet exist.

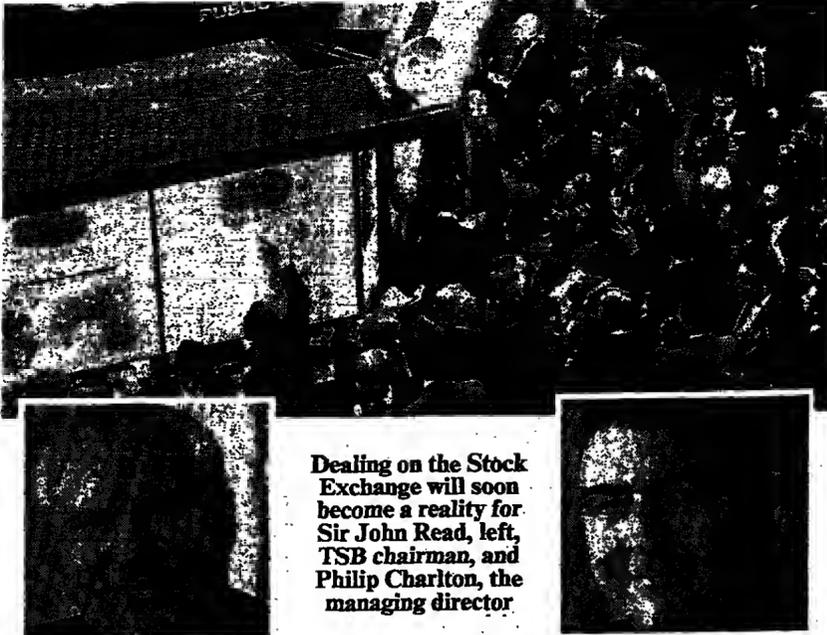
The market is, in effect, a place to speculate on the future movement of the price of the actual shares.

If you believe that the price of the shares, when issued, will not go as high as the price being quoted on the grey market, you sell. If you think the future price will go higher, you buy on the grey market.

At the moment there is only one licensed dealer, Cleveland, making a grey market in TSB shares. The prices it has quoted have ranged as high as 110p for every 50p par-paid TSB share.

"This is an exaggerated price," says Peter Thorne, of Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank. He believes the shares will rise to a substantial premium after the issue but that they will not go as high as that.

The trouble with the grey market is that if you sell shares, you still have to meet your obligation to hand them over to the buyer even if you



Dealing on the Stock Exchange will soon become a reality for Sir John Read, left, TSB chairman, and Philip Charlton, the managing director.

are allotted no shares at all at the issue.

In that case you would have to buy them at whatever price they were offered in the full market once Stock Exchange trading begins — and you could end up seriously out of pocket. You would almost

'We are very careful who we deal with'

certainly not make the profit you had planned on by assuming that you would be allotted shares at the start.

Harvey Lawrence, a director of Cleveland, insisted that the company was aware of the problem of inexperienced investors using the grey market.

"The demand is from professional investors, people

who are used to dealing on the Stock Exchange and the pre-market," he says. "We are being very careful who we deal with. We don't want problems in the pre-market as happened with British Telecom."

"When someone rings up wanting to deal, we ask if he understands the market and we insist on a bank reference so that we know if he can afford it."

Mr Lawrence claims that turnover has been high, with up to 320,000 TSB shares traded on some days. The deals tend to be of around 10,000 each, and this suggests that the buyers and sellers are individuals. If they were institutions the size of deal would be far larger.

Some brokers treat the market with frank disbelief. "Deals of that size on the

grey market are absurd. I can't understand who the clients are," said one stockbroker.

Although grey markets are not illegal in this country, Stock Exchange rules forbid its members to participate in them.

With a premium of more than 100 per cent over the 50p par-paid issue price, it is easy to understand why people are being attracted on to the grey market.

But the pitfalls are obvious. With only one dealer making prices, it is hardly a "market" at all. It is not big enough or liquid enough to give a reliable price to the shares. You could easily, therefore, end up with quite unnecessary losses by trusting the grey market price and dealing.

It is unnecessary because anyone who gets shares in the TSB issue is virtually certain to see a profit, barring a sudden stock market collapse.

The big question ahead of the flotation is how many

shares to apply for to be sure of getting a decent quantity.

The issue has all the signs of being several times oversubscribed. The prospectuses and application forms have been a sell-out at TSB and Lloyds Bank branches and the TSB share information office

Apply for more than you want

has had more telephone calls than it can handle.

Oversubscription means that not all applicants will get all the shares they applied for, although the TSB is keen to give as much away to private investors as possible and give less to institutional investors than is normal on new share issues.

Those lucky enough to have priority status will be assured of getting some shares, however heavily subscribed the flotation.

Jobo Hignett, a director of Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank handling the issue,

says: "We don't want to scale down the allocations to an amount so small that they are not worth having."

If you read between the lines, you will see that that probably means priority applicants will not get less than the minimum application of 200 shares even if applications have to be scaled down.

To supplement this, priority applicants wanting more shares should definitely also apply on white forms as members of the general public. They are allowed to do this under the terms of the issue.

Non-priority applicants, who get only one bite of the cherry, should probably apply for more shares than they want on the basis that their application will almost certainly be scaled down.

However, if they are going for a smallish amount, fewer than 1,000 shares, say, this may not be necessary. The normal system for scaling down allocations when flotations are oversubscribed is to use a sliding scale. The bigger the application, the more is lopped off it. Smaller applications are scaled down less severely and are more likely to be met in full.

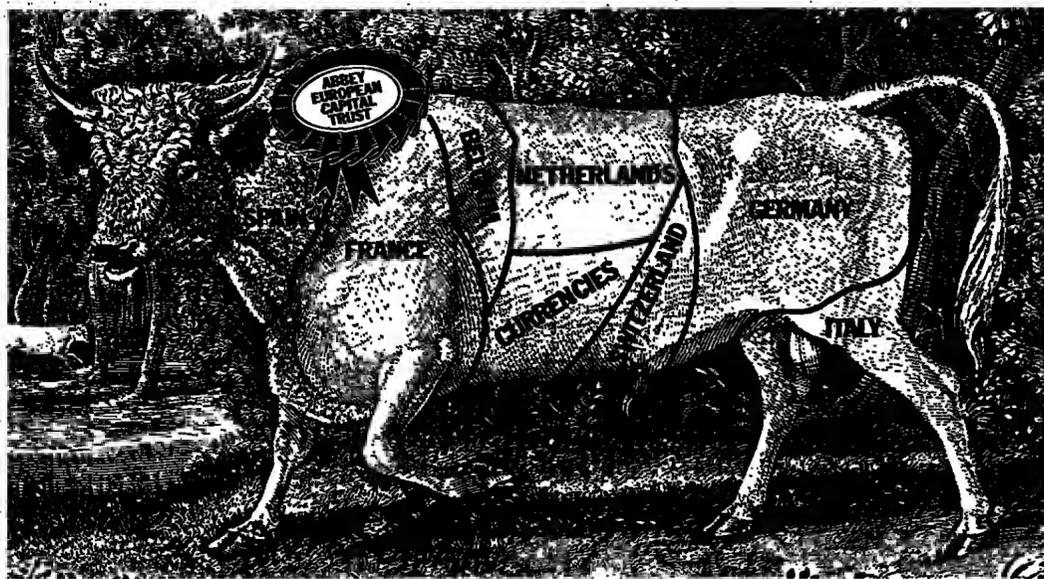
It is possible that the non-priority applications will go to a ballot, where applications are simply pulled out of a hat and the unlucky ones get nothing at all.

Or there could be a mixture of scaling down and balloting. In general, it is probably wise to apply for around twice the number of shares you want as long as that does not take you up to astronomical numbers.

The Telecom issue is instructive, though it is not necessarily the model for the allotment of TSB shares. No one got more than 800 Telecom shares, though people applying for 200 or 400 shares got their full amount. Those who wanted 800 actually got 500 and applicants for 1,200 got 600 shares. Anyone who applied for more than 100,000 shares got nothing at all.

The moral is, perhaps, that you should not be too greedy by being tempted to deal on the grey market or by applying for too many shares.

Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent



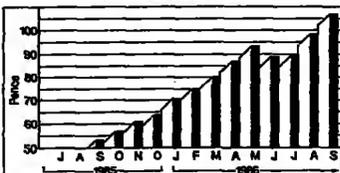
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VATman swoops on model

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Dallying over your returns will soon bring the Customs and Excise to your door — and they won't take excuses, warns SUSAN FIELDMAN

Jo-Anne Neal, aged 19, started her first job as a model on April 29 last year and soon began to earn lots of money. On March 12 this year she registered for VAT — and discovered that success has its darker side. The Customs and Excise argued that she should have registered by October 21, 1985, and demanded a £212.34 penalty for lateness. Miss Neal appealed against the penalty at a VAT tribunal. She claimed she had a "reasonable excuse" for being late because of the unusual way she was paid by her

not surprisingly, it does not define what it is.

The tribunal refused to accept Miss Neal's argument. VATA, which handles about 10 per cent of all VAT appeals, has decided to take the case to the High Court.

Customs and Excise would not comment fully on the case, but a spokesman did say: "We have not spelled out what is a reasonable excuse because the circumstances with individual traders vary so much."

You may feel the regulations are already fairly tough, but new procedures are coming into effect which increase the powers of the VATmen. The 1985 Finance Act introduced new penalties for delay in registering for and paying VAT. Since last summer, there have already been about 3,000 penalty notices issued for late registration.

If you are registered for VAT, make sure you do not delay sending in your VAT return and cheque for payment. The new default procedure starts on October 1. The first returns to which it will apply are those due on or after this date.

John Brown, of chartered accountants Arthur Young, explains: "You have two bites of the cherry before you get hit. If you pay quarterly, and you are late twice in any 12-month period, then the Customs and Excise can serve a surcharge liability notice on you. If after service of the notice you are late again, there is an automatic penalty, which starts at 5 per cent of the VAT owed, with a minimum of £30, and can climb to a maximum of 30 per cent."

The only way you can wipe your slate clean is not to default again for a whole 12-month period from service of the notice. But you can escape the penalty if you can show that you had a reasonable excuse for

not sending in the VAT return and payment.

Once again, reasonable excuse is not defined. But the Act is clear that trying to blame someone else such as your accountant for the delay will not get you off the hook. Neither will not having enough money be a reasonable excuse.

So what is a reasonable excuse? Ian Somerville, of chartered accountants Deloitte Haskins and Sells, has discussed the new proposals with the Customs and Excise: "They agreed that if they had a problem with their computer, this would be the sort of difficulty that would stop a repayment application, the equivalent of interest on a delayed repayment."

"When asked them what would happen if a trader had a breakdown in his computer. Would this be a reasonable excuse for his late pay-

Tightening-up of procedures

ment? The initial reaction of the Customs was that they were not sure that they could see a parallel between the two situations."

If you know that there will be a problem with late payment, it is always a good idea to go and see your local VAT office in advance.

The tax solicitor Patrick Way says: "The new rules all point to a tightening-up of procedures. That means a VATable person must register, and pay, on time — otherwise he is for the high jump."

See booklets: VAT: Brief, from Arthur Young, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London EC4, and Finance Act 1985, from Deloitte Haskins and Sells, PO Box 207, 128 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4.



Taxman's target: Jo-Anne Neal quickly made money as a model, but was late registering for VAT. Her "reasonable excuse" was rejected

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A reason for being late in paying

modelling agency. She said there was no way she could have known that she should have registered at October 21. The Customs and Excise was not impressed.

A lawyer acting for her, Lesley Lloyd-Eley of VATA, explains: "She had a rough idea of what she was earning based on vouchers given to her by the agency. But the client, or agency, could subsequently renegotiate the fee. The agency prepared the invoices from the vouchers, but until a model was registered for VAT, their policy was not to supply the models with a copy of the invoices."

Section 15 of the 1985 Finance Act does allow the defence of "reasonable excuse" but, perhaps

Gold or commodities haven?

The world's stockmarkets are moving erratically even by their own standards, writes Martin Baker, who examines whether gold and commodities might be a safe place of refuge.

We are not entering a new golden age. At least not yet. The fund managers and investment analysts in the gold and commodities field are talking of corners being turned — several rungs down the ladder of optimism from phrases such as "new era".

Gold has taken two great leaps forward of roughly 20 per cent over the last few weeks and the consensus

seems to be that those gains will be held.

"The prospects are reasonably good," says Mike Long of stockbrokers Rowe & Pitman. "Gold is on the foothills of the Himalayas. It should appreciate steadily."

There are parallels between recent nervousness about shares and the fall-scale panic which caused the sharp declines of 1974. It was then that gold and other commodities such as oil and base metals began to soar.

makes a strong case for putting money on deposit. That is the major disincentive from investing in commodities — money on deposit is more than retaining its value."

Dylan Evans of Target, however, feels that the emphasis, certainly in America, is on avoiding a recession even if this means an increase in inflation.

For Mr Evans, the corner has been turned in several vital respects: "We've reached the low point in inflation and, after recent events on Wall Street, in interest rates. Therefore I think we can say that commodities are probably gently past their worst point."

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Cashing in

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Penalty claws

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Inflation gain

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L & G trust offer

Legal & General now has 12 unit trusts on offer to the public. This week L & G pushed out the Managed Trust Japanese Trust and International Bond Trust. The managed fund will look to invest in shares and fixed interest instruments both at home and abroad. The International Bond Trust will, as its name suggests, concentrate on bonds, investing principally in major fixed-interest markets around the world. The Japanese Trust is launched with a curious sense of timing, few analysts are predicting much enthusiasm from investors for Japan in the immediate future. The fund "intends to take advantage of the changes in character within the Japanese economy which it anticipates will occur over the next two years." The minimum investment in each of the funds is £1,000, with a standard initial charge of 5 per cent and a monthly management charge of 1/2 per cent. This is an annual percentage rate of slightly more than 1 per cent.

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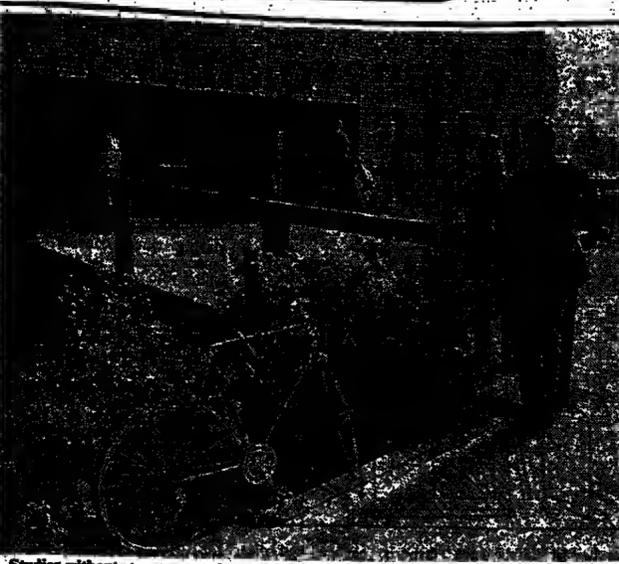
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Anyone who owns property worth more than £71,000 may ultimately be subject to inheritance tax at rates from 30 per cent to 60 per cent. And although £71,000 may sound a lot do not forget that this includes your home, its contents and all your savings.

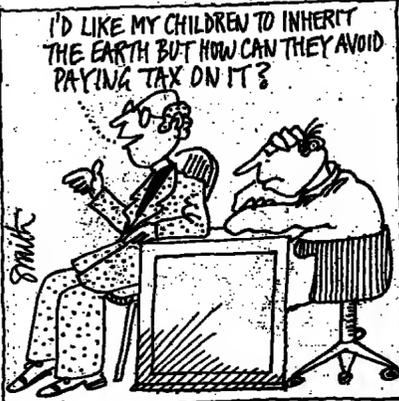
The good news is that inheritance tax can be avoided if you gave away assets more than seven years before you die.

The bad news is that the gift must be unconditional. For example, you cannot give away your house and continue to live in it unless you agree to pay a full commercial rent for the privilege.

If you make a gift within three years of your death the full rates of tax apply. Gifts made more than seven years before death are exempt from inheritance tax. Reduced rates, known as taper relief, apply for gifts made between four and seven years before death.

Unfortunately, the taper relief rules are drafted in such a way as to make them singularly unhelpful in actually reducing the amount of tax ultimately payable.

The relief works as follows. When a gift is made to an individual or certain favoured forms of trusts it is initially classified as a potentially exempt transfer. If the transferor subsequently dies in the following seven years tax be-



comes chargeable. If the death occurs in the first three years the full rate is payable. In year four the rate of tax is reduced by 20 per cent increasing in 20 per cent steps in years five and six, and finally reaching 0 per cent by year seven. The rates of taper relief are set out in the table.

So far so good. However, the relief is not as generous as it would at first seem. Consider, for example, the case of Bert, a millionaire who decides to give £100,000 to his favourite nephew and dies five and a half years later.

The £100,000 will be included in Bert's estate, as the gift was made within seven years of death. And given the level of wealth, it will effectively be subject to tax at the top rate of 60 per cent. Taper relief of 60 per cent will be available but you would be wrong to think that this means the effective rate of tax would be reduced by 36 per cent and the tax liability reduced to £24,000.

The point to watch is that lifetime transfers are taken into account in determining the total estate and hence the higher marginal rates of tax.

In our particular case, tax on the first £100,000 is only £8,950 and thus the 60 per cent taper relief amounts to £5,370. For the purposes of this relief it is almost as though the rest of the estate

does not exist. But this is in marked contrast to the £60,000 extra tax borne on the increased sum pushed into the top tax bracket by virtue of the initial transfer five and a half years before death.

The anomaly is even more glaring when considering more modest lifetime gifts falling wholly within the nil rate band, currently £71,000. Take, for example, the case of Emma, a millionairess, who decides to give away £50,000 to her favourite grandchild Jonathan.

If Emma lives for more than seven years from the date of the gift no tax will be payable. If, on the other hand, she dies within three years, the whole £50,000 is added to her estate and the liability to inheritance tax is increased by £30,000 (£50,000 at 60 per cent).

If the date of death is between three and seven years after the date of the gift, taper relief will be available. However, as the entire gift falls within the nil rate band the taper relief will be of no use and the additional tax liability will remain at £30,000 throughout the taper period.

It is especially important to understand how this taper relief operates if you are considering making a gift and subsequently taking out seven-year term assurance to cover the potential inheritance tax liability.

Many insurance companies may recommend term assurance that decreases in 20 per cent steps in order to match the supposed taper relief. However, in most cases the taper relief will be of little or no tax saving benefit and it will often be best to take out level term assurance.

TRANSFERS WITHIN SEVEN YEARS OF DEATH

Years between death and gift	Taper relief %
0-3	nil
3-4	20
4-5	40
5-6	60
6-7	80

A combination to keep the market in good order

INVESTMENT

This week's announcement that the Stock Exchange is to join forces with the International Securities Regulatory Organisation, may not have everyone gasping with amazement.

It is, however, an important development in terms of investor protection and the ability of investors to purchase overseas securities.

The link-up comes when the heavily regulated financial services legislation comes into full effect, probably in the middle of next year, there should be five self-regulating organizations (SROs) responsible for ensuring that their members are fit and proper to run investment businesses.

The value of an SRO as far as investors are concerned is that, if the system works properly, then the sharks and villains who have perennially found rich pickings in the investment business, will have no place to go.

This is because anyone wishing to carry out investment business will need to be authorized — effectively being given a licence — and almost all firms will achieve this by becoming a member of an SRO.

But getting into an SRO will not be a foregone conclusion. Apart from the normal vetting procedures to ensure that the key people dealing with the public in any business are fit and proper, there will be a whole host of membership rules designed to protect investors.

These range from conduct of business rules, which will stipulate what a firm can and cannot do, client segregation rules ensuring that the clients' money is not mixed in with the firm's, and capital adequacy rules. These latter are designed to ensure that a firm has sufficient capital to carry out the sort of business that it intends to do.

Importantly, anyone carrying out investment business without authorization commits a criminal offence punishable with imprisonment.

Advertisements will have to give the name of the SRO which the firm advertising belongs to, while the Securities and Investments Board, the body which will lay down the standards for the SRO network, will publish a list of all authorized businesses.

The Stock Exchange-ISRO link will spawn an SRO.

whose provisional title is the Securities Association. Its members will be those currently in the two separate organizations, in other words stockbroking firms, banks and any other firm dealing in securities.

The link should also make it easier for individual investors to purchase overseas shares. At the moment the small private client would be hard pushed if he wanted to purchase shares directly in, say, IBM, American Express, Procter & Gamble, Toyota, Hitachi or Sony, although, as a unit trust account holder, he may have an indirect interest in the fortunes of these companies.

British stockbroking firms will buy overseas shares for the private client; but such private client business as there is, usually either is an appendage to other, mainstream business that the client has with the firm, or else is for large purchases. Even then the amount of private client business is minimal.

Almost all the business in overseas securities is done for major players such as the pension funds, insurance companies, or unit trust managers.

However, once the Stock Exchange and ISRO have sorted out the finer points of their link-up, all this will

Brokers will have the pieces available

change, as part of the moves already afoot to simplify dealing for private clients.

The vision of the future is for all stockbrokers to have price display systems, which will give prices for all overseas stocks quoted on an official Stock Exchange anywhere in the world.

Information such as this is not available on brokers' screens at the moment, but the new International Stock Exchange will aim for such a goal.

What this means is that your friendly neighbourhood broker will have the share prices readily available.

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PREGNANCY

What does it mean in financial terms to become pregnant? For many women, the financial consequences are all too serious.

"Pregnancy means a loss of income and a serious interruption to many women's working lives, although there is some job protection for the longer-term employees as well as a modest collection of state benefits.

But that looks set to change. Maternity benefits, allowances and pay will probably be harder to come by, while reinstatement rights and the right not to be unfairly dismissed because of pregnancy will, if government plans are implemented, be eroded significantly.

● **Maternity grant** Worth £25, it is now available to all pregnant women. This is to be abolished in April 1987 in favour of a £75 payment out of the new Social Fund - but only to women of limited means. Henceforth, only women who have to rely on Income Support (the new supplementary benefit) or Family Credit (the new family

income supplement) will qualify for the grant. Single payments, which could once be made to pregnant women on grounds of exceptional need, are also to be abolished.

True, £25 buys little more than a few nappies. Nevertheless, mothers now entitled to the £25 grant and single payments for maternity needs are likely to be worse off through the introduction of the new system. For example, in 1983 about 170,000 women claimed single payments for maternity needs at an average payment of £60. This, added to the £25 grant, gives an average of £85 - £10 higher in 1983 than the £75 proposed for 1987.

● **Maternity pay/allowances** From April 1987 the present maternity pay and maternity allowance systems will be replaced by Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP). This will be paid by employers rather than by the DHSS. Unlike the present system for maternity allowance - where the woman must have paid a minimum amount of National Insurance contributions in the previous financial year - to qualify, the woman must have worked for

her present employer for at least six months.

Women in these circumstances will be entitled to a flat-rate payment at the same rate as the lowest rate of Statutory Sick Pay (now £31.60 a week) for 18 weeks. If the woman concerned has been with her employer for two years, her SMP will be increased to 90 per cent of her earnings for the first six weeks of her maternity leave.

Women who do not qualify for SMP but who have paid

'75,000 will lose under new rules'

National Insurance contributions for 16 of the past 52 weeks will be able to claim the residual maternity allowance from the DHSS.

One item of good news is that women will have a choice regarding when they take their paid maternity leave. The new scheme allows for a 13-week "core" period, starting six weeks before the baby is due; but the woman will be able to choose when to use the remaining five weeks' entitlement.

Against this, Tony Newton,



Happy days, but pregnancy is not all Mothercare shopping the Social Services Under-Secretary at the time, admitted to Parliament that between 75,000 and 85,000 women will lose because of the new rules. Who gains? A mere 5,000 to 10,000.

● **Maternity rights** Employment rights relating to unfair dismissal, redundancy and maternity reinstatement are now based on a work record of either 16 hours a week for two years, or eight hours a week for five years. The latest government White Paper, *Building Businesses... Not Barriers*, suggests this should be changed to 20 hours a week for two years, or 12 hours a week for five years.

This will further reduce eligibility for all employees' maternity rights - including

protection against unfair dismissal on grounds of pregnancy, maternity leave and reinstatement. Furthermore, the White Paper proposes to exempt employers of fewer than 10 employees from "reinstatement" arrangements altogether.

The latest White Paper is not available for consultation purposes; it merely sets out the Government's plans for the future. Judging by the latter's previous track record, what is proposed will happen. At this rate, "family planning" could take on a whole new meaning - and hard won women's rights will have gone to the wall.

Linda Avery

Welcome to your new home from the Land Registry

PROPERTY

It's good news week - the legal costs of buying a home, are coming down. From October 1, many conveyancing bills will be substantially reduced, as the Land Registry is curbing many of its fees.

In most parts of England and Wales, when you buy a home it usually has a "registered" title. This means that the title to the property is guaranteed by the Government.

When the property is first registered, the purchaser pays a fee to the Land Registry via his solicitor. The Registry will check that he has a valid title and then register his ownership. When a registered property is subsequently transferred, a fee is again paid to the Registry by the new owners, and the details of the change of ownership are noted.

Land registry fees increase according to the value of the property. From October 1, the amount of the Land Registry fees will still depend on the cost of the property, but generally the fees, in the price ranges most relevant to home buyers, will be going down by between 27 and 37 per cent

depending on the property's value. A £35,000 transaction will be £30 cheaper while a £300,000 deal will cost £130 less to process.

The Law Society is very much in favour: "We are very conscious that solicitors have to collect the fees on behalf of the Land Registry, and that the fees represent a very substantial cost to the house buyer. Any reduction must be welcome."

But are the reductions large enough? Surely it is too more difficult for the Land Registry

Fee is meant to cover basic cost

to change the ownership details on a property worth £35,000 than on one worth £75,000?

As long ago as 1977-78, the Land Registry, Registration of Title Department, made a £1 million surplus. In 1982-83 the surplus was more than £11.5 million. In 1984-85 it was just over £20 million. A Land Registry spokesman said: "The estimated surplus for 1985-86 will be somewhere around £16 million mark."

Yet according to the Land Registration Acts, Land Reg-

istry fees are not designed to generate a surplus. They are basically meant to cover the cost of salaries and other expenses, and to ensure that there is enough money to pay out for any indemnity claims where loss is caused through an error on the register of title of a particular property.

The Land Registry is "hoping that the present fees are now set in such a way as to comply with statutory requirements, i.e., that we cover our costs". A spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Department says: "It is only right that the fees be reduced. The surpluses are very high, because of the very high level of conveyancing activity, and the increase in house prices. The Land Registry is not meant to be in surplus." These new reductions have simplified the fee structure, but many buyers would still argue that the fees are still too high and the changes have not gone far enough. It will be interesting to see whether the Land Registry accounts show a surplus for 1986-87.

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Susan Fieldman

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B of Scotland	635 710	01 628 9080
Barclays Higher Rate		
Deposit Account	683 679	01 628 1587
£10,000 & over	700 719	01 628 1587
Cash Allow Call	710 734	01 598 2777
Collins		
Money Mid Plus	700 723	01 581 1422
JFC Trust 7-day	775 730	01 236 8991
Handerson Money Market		
Cheque Account	636 710	01 638 5757
L & G High Inc. Dev.	625 728	01 398 3511
Lloyds FICA	720 740	01 628 1500
M&G FICA	687 710	01 628 4588
Midland FICA		
£2,000-£2,999	675 632	0742 20999
£10,000 and over	700 719	0742 20999
Nat West High		
Int Spec Reserve	688 705	01 728 1000
£2,000-£2,999	688 705	01 728 1000
£10,000 & over	700 719	01 728 1000
Oppenheimer Money Management Account		
under £10,000	654 671	01 536 9382
over £10,000	683 680	01 236 8982
Royal D of Scotland		
Premium Account	710 729	031 557 0201
S & P Call	690 714	0708 68686
Schwartz Wage		
£2,500 to £9,999	673 694	0705 827733
over £10,000	691 713	0705 827733
Tullis & Riley call	636 6517	01 236 6532
7 & R 7-day	680 6947	01 236 6532
Trustcall	701 719	0272 732241
Trustcall 7-day	700 718	0272 732241
Western Trust		
1 month	691 713	0752 251101
GNAR - Compounded Net Annual Rate		

Figures are the latest available at the time of going to press. Research: D. Barn

National Savings Bank
Ordinary Accounts - if a minimum balance of £100 maintained for whole of 1986, 6 per cent interest p.a. for each complete month where balance is over £500, otherwise 5 per cent. Investment Accounts - 10.75 per cent interest paid without deduction of tax, one month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £100,000.

National Savings Income Bond
Minimum investment £2,000, maximum £100,000. Interest 11.25 per cent variable at six weeks' notice paid monthly without deduction of tax. Repayment at 3 months' notice. Penalties in first year.

National Savings Indexed Income Bond
Start rate monthly income for first year 6 per cent, increased at end of each year to match increase in prices as measured by Retail Prices Index. Cash value remains the same. Income taxable, paid gross. Three months' notice of withdrawal. Minimum investment of £5,000 in multiples of £1,000. Maximum investment £100,000.

National Savings 4th Index-Linked Certificate
Maximum investment - £5,000 excluding holdings of other issues. Return - tax-free and linked to changes in the Retail Prices Index. Supplement of 3.00 per cent in the first year, 3.25 per cent in the second, 3.50 per cent in the third, 3.75 per cent in the fourth and 6.00 per cent in the fifth. Value of Retirement Issue Certificate purchased in September 1981, £147.38 including bonus and supplement August RPI 384.7. (The new RPI figure is not announced until the third week of the following month).

National Savings Certificate
51 issues. Return totally free of income and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 7.85 per cent, maximum investment £10,000. General extension rate for holders of earlier issues which have reached maturity is 8.01

National Savings Yearly Plan
A one-year regular savings plan converting into four-year savings certificates. Minimum £20 a month, maximum £200. Return over five years 8.19 per cent, tax-free.

National Savings Deposit Bond
Minimum investment £100, maximum £10,000. Interest 11.25 per cent variable at six weeks' notice credited annually without deduction of tax. Repayment at three months' notice. Half interest only paid on bonds repaid during first year.

Local Authority Yearling Bonds
12 months fixed rate investments interest 9 1/2 per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

Guaranteed Income Bonds
Return paid net of basic rate tax; higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity. 1yr Credit & Commerce, 7.75 per cent; 2yrs Credit & Commerce, 7.50 per cent; 3yrs Premium Life, 7.75 per cent; 4yrs Prov Capital, 8.25 per cent; 5yrs Pinnacle Ins, 7.75 per cent.

Local authority town hall bonds
Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted net (basic rate tax deducted at source non-reclaimable) 1yr Northampton 7.1 per cent; 2yrs Kirkcaldy 7.25 per cent; 3yrs Manchester 7.25 per cent, min inv £500; 4yrs Bristol 7 per cent; 5yrs Haverford & Worcester 7 per cent; 5yrs Telford 5.35 per cent; 5yrs Telford Ely 6.21 per cent, min investment £1,000. Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy, Loans Bureau (638 6361 between 10am and 2.30pm) see also Pressat no 24808.

Building Societies
Ordinary share accounts - 5.25 per cent. Extra interest accounts usually pay 1-2 per cent over ordinary rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax. Not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

Foreign currency deposits
Rates quoted by Rothschild's Old Court (tel: 01-493 0487) 26741. Seven days' notice is required for withdrawal and no charge is made for switching currencies.
Sterling 5.15 per cent
US dollar 5.11 per cent
Yen 4.00 per cent
D Mark 3.00 per cent
French Franc 2.51 per cent
Swiss Franc 2.51 per cent

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Advertisement for BARRACUDA featuring 'NOW YOU CAN AFFORD TO ESCAPE TO THE SUN IN SPAIN' with details on flights, accommodation, and contact information.

McEnroe advances but qualifier sets the pace

From Richard Evans, Los Angeles. John McEnroe's rehabilitation continued in the Volvo tournament here at the UCLA tennis centre when he reached the third round with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Christo Steyn...

Britain's skaters miss out

The St Ivel ice skating gala at Richmond next week seems designed to be of more benefit to overseas competitors, the sponsors and television than to those who really matter - British skaters.

McKenzie ready to regain title

Clint McKenzie, the former British and European light-weight champion, sets out to regain his title in a major in the grounds of Shendish House, Hemel Hempstead, a leisure centre for employees of Crossley...

Marathon first

London Marathon organizers have struck their first official supplier deal, worth more than £100,000 over two years, with The Coq Sportif (UK). The contract by the French-based company will consist of cash, clothing and shoes.

Portfolio Gold

Times Portfolio Gold rules are as follows: 1. Times Portfolio Gold is a... 2. Times Portfolio Gold is a... 3. Times Portfolio Gold is a... 4. Times Portfolio Gold is a...

HOLIDAYS & VILLAS

Large advertisement for holidays and villas featuring various destinations like France, Spain, Greece, and the Malvern Hills. Includes details on self-catering, special interest, and winter sports.

RACING: PRIMARY CAN ADD AUTUMN CUP TO HARWOOD'S RECENT SUCCESS IN STAYING HANDICAPS

Forest Flower to outshine the colts in Mill Reef

By Mandarin

Forest Flower can hammer home the point that this season's crop of two-year-old fillies are so far superior to the colts by becoming the first of her sex to win the Rokeby Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury this afternoon.

Jan Baiding's brilliantly fast filly's only defeat from four starts occurred when she was beaten a short head by Mistrella in the Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes. And the value of the form of Europe's richest two-year-old race has been endorsed dramatically ever since.

Prior to that honourable setback, Forest Flower had beaten Mistrella in the Cherry Heaton Stakes at Newmarket after centering home in Ascot's Queen Mary Stakes.

Other likely winners on the Berkshire course are Lead Of Ivory and Mukhabbar.



Tony Murray driving out Thameen to beat Zero Wax at Newbury yesterday (photograph: Ian Stewart)

BBC refuse to concede

The BBC yesterday refused to concede victory in Channel 4 over the battle to stage the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on October 5 on television.

Kufuma can score at Leopardstown

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Never have there been as many English challengers for Irish prizes as in the current season and the invasion continues at Leopardstown this afternoon.

With Fioravanti failing to live up to his excited juvenile reputation, the best of the home runners should be the Irish 1,000 Guineas runner-up, Lake Champlain.

The primary reason for Assmusen's visit to Ireland is to partner two juvenile contenders, Fairy Dancer and Az-

NEWBURY BBC

Televised: 2.00, 2.30 3.0, 3.30
Going: good
Draw: no significant advantage

1.30 ARLINGTON STAKES (24,682: 1m) (6 runners)
105 10421E LAND OF IVORY (USA) (W) ...
106 10422E MUKHABBAR (USA) (W) ...

2.0 'CORAL' AUTUMN CUP (Handicap) (21,315: 1m 5f 60yd) (14)
201 10423E LINDA'S MAGIC (USA) (W) ...
202 10424E MISTRELLA (USA) (W) ...

2.30 COURAGE STAKES (Limited Handicap) (22,430: 1m 2f) (14)
320 10425E KUDZORAN (GB) (W) ...
321 10426E GONNARD STAKES (USA) (W) ...

3.0 HIGHCLERE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O) (E10,222: 5f) (13)
402 10427E PLUM DROP (GB) (W) ...
403 10428E SHARP REMEMBER (GB) (W) ...

3.30 ROKBYE FARMS MILL REEF STAKES (Group 1) (2-Y-O) (E27,312: 6f) (8)
500 10429E CAROL'S TREASURE (GB) (W) ...
501 10430E DANIEL'S CONQUEST (GB) (W) ...

4.0 EBF HARWELL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O) (E3,372: 5f) (14)
602 10431E CAPTAIN HOLLY (GB) (W) ...
603 10432E FALLOUT'S CONQUEST (GB) (W) ...

4.30 BRANDON NOVICE CHASE (E1,776: 2m 4f) (10)
1273 10433E KANALYK (GB) (W) ...
1274 10434E GARDY HAY (GB) (W) ...

5.0 GRUNWICK NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (E278: 2m) (19)
10 10435E GRISSELL'S DOOPER (GB) (W) ...
11 10436E MIMAN THORPE (GB) (W) ...

5.30 ALLISON BREAD HANDICAP HURDLE (E1,780: 2m 5f) (10)
120 10437E BARKLEY (GB) (W) ...
121 10438E TANIHO (GB) (W) ...

5.45 REDBROOK HANDICAP HURDLE (E1,688: 2m 4f) (8)
401 10439E TRESKENS (GB) (W) ...
402 10440E ABALIGHT (GB) (W) ...

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Televised: 1.40, 2.10, 2.40
Going: good to firm
Draw: 5f-6f numbers best

1.40 LADROCK STRATHCLYDE HANDICAP (3-Y-O) (E24,008: 1m) (8 runners)
1122 TURPIN (USA) (W) ...
1123 EAGLE DESTINY (USA) (W) ...

2.10 HOLSTEN DIAT PILS HANDICAP (E5,652: 7f) (8)
1004 POSTORAGE (GB) (W) ...
1005 FORTUNE (GB) (W) ...

2.40 High Tension, 4.10 CHILLBANG (nap).
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.40 High Tension, 3.10 Pen Bal Lady, 4.10 Stylish Entry, 4.40 Heiatta.

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1005 FORTUNE (GB) (W) ...

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Going: good to firm
Draw: few numbers best up to 7f

2.15 EBF ASHROG STAKES (2-Y-O FILLIES) (E24,344: 5f) (12 runners)
4 FREDRICK W (USA) (W) ...
5 JUDITH'S PET (USA) (W) ...

2.15 MIST OF AVALON, 2.45 GG Magic, 3.15 Master Pokey, 3.45 Haywain, 4.15 Shah's Choice, 4.45 Jobn Dory.

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WARWICK

Going: good to firm

2.0 FRANKTON NOVICE HURDLE (2864: 2m) (18 runners)
611 AROUND TOWN (GB) (W) ...
612 BUNDAUBURY (GB) (W) ...

2.30 STONEBRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (E1,676: 3m) (5)
121 10441E ELLENBRIE (GB) (W) ...
122 10442E THOMASBOUNT (GB) (W) ...

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Genghis to give Piggott first French success

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Genghis (Tony Ives) can land the group one Prix de la Cécilia's challenger.

El Cuicé is unbeaten in two races and looks impressive when beating Hauryval at Newbury, but the greater experience of Tommy Way, who has already won three group races both this season and last, is his minimum of fuss and is highly rated by connections.

However, he faces strong opposition, notably by the unbeaten Prix de la Cécilia winner, Sakura Keiko, and the Prix du Calvados winner Walykivry. The latter is returning to his best trip after falling over five furlongs.

Paul Kelleway's pair, Risk Me (Cash Assmusen) and Gulf King (Ray Cochrane), may find the company too hot, although Risk Me could take a hand on his best day.

Knights Legend (Greville Starkey) has a fair chance to take the group three Prix de Lutèce (1m 7f) where Paul Royal looks the main danger, but a more interesting race is the group three Prix du France d'Orange (1m 2f). It should prove a fascinating Arc trial with the unbeaten Fozzaz reappearing after a long absence to take on the Coratopion Cup winner, Saint Etienne, who may find this trip on the short side, and the Matchmaker international disappointment, Finaux.

English raiders dominate the E41,365 added Grand Prix d'Italie at Milan (Francisco Tommy Way (Willie Cochrane) and El Cuicé (Steve Caution) should have little to fear from their three Italian rivals, and despite a lengthy absence Tommy Way can strengthen his claim to a place in the Japan



Seoul Diary Greeks ride a mythical horse

The International Olympic Committee is accused of selling its soul to commerce. Not so, reply ISL, the Swiss-based marketing company who handle sponsorship for both FIFA and now the Olympic Games...

McNeill emerges from the shadows as the favourite for Villa post

It looks as though the news hounds who trailed the recent Graham Turner's successor back to Manchester were right after all. Well almost. It is not Ron Atkinson, the Manchester United manager, who Aston Villa have turned to but Billy McNeill, his Manchester City rival...

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

- Arsenal v Oxford: Peter Taylor's first name before a second Achilles tendon operation next week when Robson, replaced by Williams, will see a double duty in the goal...

FOOTBALL: SUCCESSOR TO GRAHAM TURNER COULD YET COME FROM MANCHESTER

leadership of the first division for the first time this season. However, one man with good reason to have a say about that is Mark Wright, the England defender, who broke his leg in the FA Cup semi-final against Liverpool. He is included in a Southampton squad for the first time since that accident...

Oswestry are expelled

Oswestry Town, of the Midland League, have been expelled from the league for failing to field a player in last Saturday's 1-0 win in the first qualifying round against Prescot City...

£500 fine comes as a relief to Rush

By a Correspondent Ian Rush was fined £500 and received a seven-month suspended sentence after being found guilty of assaulting, and improper conduct towards, the Blackpool referee Ken Wahnsley after Liverpool's match with Manchester City on August Bank Holiday Monday...

Dodds returns

By Hugh Taylor The leaders, Dundee United, travel to Hamilton with their resources stretched to the limit. Their redoubtable central defensive partnership of Narey and Higarty have joined a lengthy list of casualties but there is no reason why United should not retain their unbeaten record...

RUGBY LEAGUE Hull tempt Pearce away from Llanelli

By Keith Macklin Gary Pearce of Llanelli, the only player to score more than 400 points in British Rugby Union last season, yesterday signed a contract for an undisclosed fee which is believed to be between £60,000 and £70,000. Hull are wasting no time in putting their new star on the field. He will play at stand-off half in the first division game against Leigh tomorrow...

Athletics Dalglish not for turning

Bob Dalglish, the race director of the Glasgow marathon which takes place tomorrow is refusing to abandon a policy of no prize or appearance money despite the absence of a big name and a drop in entries from last year's 20,000 to 14,000 (David Powell writes)...

Six ignore invitation

Brisbane's committee, however, is not optimistic that their backers would stand another campaign. Much of their support is with "new money" from Western Australia, where they've never heard of the IOC or the charter...

Boulter in new shoes

John Boulter, secretary-elect of the British Olympic Association until finding he couldn't afford London house prices and yielded to Adidas's inducements to remain with them in France, is out there charming his way, as ever, through the battalions of Anglo and other officials. As a former Olympian he would have been an admirable successor to Dick Palmer, now with the Olympic solidarity campaign...

TODAY'S FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND OTHER FIXTURES

Table listing football fixtures for First division, Second division, Third division, Scottish premier division, and Rugby Union fixtures.

TODAY'S FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND OTHER FIXTURES

Table listing football fixtures for Scottish premier division, Scottish second division, Scottish third division, and Rugby Union fixtures.

REGIONAL TELEVISION SCHEDULES

Table listing regional television schedules for Saturday and Sunday, including BBC1, BBC2, ITV, and Channel 4.

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Saturday

Weekend television and radio programmes edited by Peter Dear and Christopher Davalle

Sunday

- BBC 1
6.45 Open University. Unit 8.25.
8.35 The Clangers. (r) 8.40 The Family. News. 12.45 The Saturday Picture Show.

- TV-AM
6.55 TV-am introduced by Richard Keys. Weather at 6.58; news at 7.00; regional report at 7.08; and sport at 7.10.
7.30 The Wide Area Club includes the first heat of the WAC Short Snooker Championships.



The World Press Award picture of Bhopal tragedy victims taken by Dilip Mehta, who is profiled tonight on Channel 4 at 7.30pm

- BBC 2
6.50 Open University. Unit 1.55.
2.00 Film: The Man Who Came to Dinner (1941) starring Betty Davis and Morry Morley. Comedy about an overbearing novelist. Directed by William Keighly.
3.50 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore talks to the Astronomer Royal, Professor Sir Francis Baily Smith, about the discovery of a quasar. (r) World Class Report. Highlights of the week's play in Leningrad.
4.40 Championship Darts. The United British Professional Championship.
5.00 Rock Around the Clock. The annual all-night pop music show, with breaks at 5.30 for NewsView and 10.25 for Championship Darts. The line-up is: 5.30 a-ha on Stage 5.55 Stan Ridgway 6.05 Cameo in concert 6.30 Battle of the Giants: Madonna v Prince. The viewers choose 6.40 The Housemartins in 'London Heat 4'.
7.20 NewsView. With Jan Leeming and Moira Stuart.
8.05 Hip-Hop Grandmaster Class 8.25 Battle of the Giants: Bruce Springsteen v Queen 8.35 Radio Times Rockclips 8.45 Echo and the Bunnymen 8.55 Motown 25. Highlights of the party celebrating 25 years of Motown records. Championship Darts.
11.20 Z.Z. Top: Sharp-Dressed Men 12.00 W.A.S.P. in concert at the Town and Country Club 12.35 Air Guitar Competition 12.45 Battle of the Giants: The Beatles v The Rolling Stones 12.55 Billy Bragg 1.10 Dir. Straits. Alchemy. (simultaneous broadcast on stereo Radio 3)
2.15 Genesis: Whistle Test Extra. The rock group in rehearsal 3.00 The Damned's 10th Anniversary Concert 3.30 Battle of the Giants: Simple Minds v U2 3.45 Henry Tomlin v The Legacy of Hank Williams 4.30 The Smiths: The Queen is Dead 4.45 Bryan Ferry: Whistle Test Extra includes archive clips 5.00 Roky Music 5.35 Whistle Test 15. Highlights from the rock show's 15-year old life. Ends at 6.00.

- BBC 1
6.45 Open University. Unit 8.50. 8.55 The Clangers. (r) 8.55 Articles of Faith. Rediscovering religious belief 9.30 This is the Day. A simple religious service from a farm in Devon.
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3.00 Match of the Day Live. Everton v Manchester United at Goodison Park. This commentator is John Motson.
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ITV/LONDON
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12.00 Weekend World. Can world farming be saved from a vicious stone war as governments try to rid themselves of their various large surpluses? 1.00 Police Five. 1.15 European Folk Tales. The Pear Tree 1.30 The Suzzards. (r)
2.00 One God. Three Needs. The story of the tomb of the Jewish patriarch Abraham.
2.30 LWT News headlines followed by Film: The Revenge of the Pink Panther. (r) starring Peter Sellers, Herbert Lom and Dyan Cannon.
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3.00 Film: The Sea Hawk (1940) starring Errol Flynn, Claude Rains and Flora Robson. Swashbuckling adventure with Flynn in the role of Captain Thorpe. The Sea Hawk, who wages a single-handed war against the Spanish. Directed by Michael Curtiz.
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8.10 Opera Roadshow. Mike Smith introduces highlights from a concert of popular operatic music from St David's Hall, Cardiff. Featuring Finnish soprano Karla Miettinen, who won the Cardiff Singer of the World competition in 1983, and the tenor Dennis O'Neill, with the Orchestra and Chorus of the Welsh National Opera, conducted by Richard Armstrong.
9.05 The White Tribe of Africa. This penultimate programme of the series explores the way apartheid laws are used to keep the Afrikaners in power in South Africa. (r)
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1.30 Eye: Thought of Sport. Canoeing. (r)
2.00 Everybody Here. Multicultural magazine programme for children. (r)
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5.00 Strands. An animated film from Canada.
5.15 News summary and weather followed by Fifteen Features. The first of a new three-part series of feature documentaries. Among those interviewed in this programme are Key Mander and Jill Craigie, documentary makers; Isauri and Trevor Weir; Toy; and actresses Mandy Miller, Phyllis Calvert and Sylvia Sims.
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8.15 Pillar of Fire. Part two of the series tracing the history of Zionism over the years: 1917 to 1930.
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8.20 The German Puzzle. The revised search for the German language in both parts of Germany.
8.40 Brahms (part 2). Symphony No 2, in D.
9.30 Alberti String Quartet plays Paganini's Concerto and Britten's String Quartet No 1, in D major Op 25. Thomas Tallis. Recital by The Sirens.
11.10 The Jazz Pianist. British pianist Keith Tippett and American drummer Louis Moholo play three of their own compositions.
11.57 News. VHF only. 6.35-6.55 Open University: Organic Chemistry.

- Radio 4
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7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers.
7.15 On Your Farm. A new series where animals become over-fat before slimming them down for market.
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9.05 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (r).
9.35 Adventure. Mike Hollingworth looks at new ideas in the world of outdoor pursuits.
9.50 News. Ian Hislop reviews the weekly magazines.
10.05 Conference Special. Conservative MP Richard Ryder reports on the SPD Conference.
10.30 News. With Ned Sherrin and Andy Giddens.
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. Life and politics abroad.
12.00 News. A Small Country Living. Jeanne Holman on the life of living in rural Britain.
12.27 After Henry. Comedy series starring Michael Scalfes. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 News.
1.05 Any Questions? Margherita Laski, John Mortimer, Michael Winner and Douglas Brooks tackle issues raised by an audience in Boumeid, Sicily. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News. The Afternoon Play: Moll, by Gilly Fraser (r).
3.30 News. Travel. International Assignment. BBC correspondents report from around the world. The Saturday Countrywide. In Autumn, Wynford Vaughan-Thomas presents a seasonal magazine called from the British countryside.
4.45 I Should Say So. Monologue written by Allen Sadovier and performed by Michael Williams.
5.00 The Lung World. Jeremy Cherfas looks at the long conservationist's view of the world's most endangered species of monkey in Brazil.
5.25 Delve Sobell. Another special investigation by David Lander. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather. Travel.
6.30 News. Sports Round-up. Facing the Music. The murderer who played in church bands between 1950 and 1950 (5).
7.00 Saturday-Night Theatre: The Bonemans, by David Nathan, based on the play by Michael C. Baker's Dozen. (Richard Baker with records (5))

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6.55 Weather 7.00 News. 7.05 Shipping.
Balk: Volgende il clai, with the Monteverdi Choir; Schubert's Sonata in A minor (D 837); Tchaikovsky, Polonaise, Valse and Escossaise (Eugene Ormandy). Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden; Tchaikovsky, arr. Krossler. Andante cantabile; Chanson sans paroles; Les ailes, Ballet; Les maris de la Tour Eiffel; Heavy. Ravel, quand du bonheur (La juive), with Placido Domingo (tenor); Debussy, orch. Capella. Suite; Children's Corner.
9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review, including building a library; Wagner's Ring (2) Die Walkure, plus new records of early music.
10.15 Stereo Releas. New records. Works by Monteverdi; Andrea Gabrieli; Tilmant Susato; Dowland; Johann Hermann and

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